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COUNCIL 12th July 2023

REPORT OF THE HEAD OF LEGAL AND DEMOCRATIC SERVICES - Mr. Craig Griffiths.

SECTION A – MATTER FOR DECISION

WARDS AFFECTED: ALL

CHANGES TO POLITICAL PROPORTIONALITY AND COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

Purpose of the Report

1. The purpose of this report is to authorise changes to the allocation of seats on council committees to the political groups.

Background

Amendments to Council Committees:

- 2. The Head of Legal and Democratic Services has been notified of the proposed changes to the membership of the Council committee specified below:
 - That Cllr Jeff Jones be removed as member of the Education, Skills and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee.
 - That Cllr Phil Rogers be appointed as member of the Education Skills and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee.
 - That Cllr Chris James be removed as the Vice Chair of the Cabinet Scrutiny Committee
 - That Cllr Carl Jordan be appointed as the Vice Chair of the Cabinet Scrutiny Committee.
 - That Cllr Chris James be removed as the Vice Chair of the Cabinet Scrutiny (Policy and Resources) Sub Committee

- That Cllr Carl Jordan be appointed as the Vice Chair of the Cabinet Scrutiny (Policy and Resources) Sub Committee
- That Cllr Chris James be removed as Chair of the Planning Committee
- That Cllr Jeff Jones be appointed as Chair of the Planning Committee
- That Cllr Tim Bowen be appointed as Vice Chair of the Planning Committee
- That Cllr Phil Rogers be appointed as a member of the Planning Committee.

Member Champions:

- 3. The Head of Legal and Democratic Services has been notified of the proposed changes to the Member Champion roles of the Council specified below:
 - That Cllr Chris James be removed as the Armed Forces
 Champion
 - That Cllr Tim Bowen be named as the Armed Forces Champion.

Financial Impact

4. There are no financial impacts.

Integrated Impact Assessment

5. There is no requirement to undertake an Integrated Impact Assessment as the issues within the report relate to constitutional matters only.

Workforce Impacts

6. There are no workforce Impacts.

Legal Powers

7. Section 15 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 and Local Government Act 2000

Risk Management

8. There are no risk management issues that require attention.

Consultation

9. There is no requirement under the Constitution for external consultation on this item.

Recommendations

- 10. It is recommended that Council:
 - a) Approves the changes to the membership of committees as contained in paragraph 2 of this report.
 - b) Approves the changes to the Member Champion roles as contained in paragraph 3 of this report.

Reason for Proposed Decisions:

11. To update the Council's membership arrangements.

Implementation of Decisions:

12. The decisions are for immediate implementation.

List of Background Papers:

13. Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council Constitution.

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