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# **Establishment of Committees 2023- 2024 Municipal Year**

Decision to be taken by: Full Council

Date of meeting: Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2023

Lead director/officer: City Barrister & Head of Standards

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### **Useful information**

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## **1. Summary**

Whole Council Elections took place on 4<sup>th</sup> May 2023. The Council's Annual General Meeting took place on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> May. The full suite of the Council's Committee structure was not agreed by that date, and the matter (save for Health and Wellbeing Board Planning and Development Control Committee Licensing and Public Safety Committee and Licensing Sub-Committees), was deferred to a future date pending discussion about what structure would be appropriate in the new political and operational environment. The next scheduled meeting of Full Council is Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> July however a requisition has been validly received under Council Procedure Rule 3 to convene a Special Meeting to determine those outstanding matters sooner. The proposed recommendations arising from the requisition are detailed at 2. below. To be actionable, Council must as a minimum agree a scrutiny structure, size of committees and Chairs and Vice-Chairs.

## **2. Recommended actions/decision**

Council are recommended to consider proposals submitted by Councillor Bajaj, seconded by Councillor Kitterick on behalf of the Conservative, Liberal Democrat and Green Group Members which are as follows:

- a) Agree the establishment of seven Scrutiny Commissions divided into the subject themes as per Appendix A attached
- b) Agree the overall size of those Committees in accordance with the table in Appendix A attached
- c) Agree that the Chairs and Vice-Chairs (as appropriate) of the bodies listed in Appendix A be apportioned according to the Council's overall political balance (57% Labour; 31% Conservative; 6% Liberal Democrat; 6% Green)
- d) Agree that the Overview, Executive Office and Corporate Governance Scrutiny Committee and the Neighbourhoods, Equalities, Heritage & Culture Scrutiny Commission comprise two Vice Chairs each.
- e) Note that the remaining places will be filled in accordance with relevant legal procedures and in consultation with the relevant Members, but broadly in line with the political balance indicated in the table in Appendix A

- f) Note that the Terms of Reference for the Scrutiny Commissions be finalised, where needed, at the Council meeting on 6<sup>th</sup> July 2023
- g) Note that any other matters regarding the establishment of the Council's Committee's not addressed above be deferred to the Council meeting on 6<sup>th</sup> July 2023

### **3. Detailed report**

See Appendix A

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