

Report of	Meeting	Date
Director of Governance and Monitoring Officer (Introduced by Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member (Strategy and Reform))	Council	Wednesday, 27 March 2024

Changes to Committee Membership

Is this report confidential?	No
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Purpose of the Report

- To agree changes to committee membership following changes to the membership of the Cabinet.

Recommendations to Council

- That the proposed changes to committee membership and outside bodies outlined in the report be agreed.

Reasons for recommendations

- To ensure our committees and decision-making continues to be robust.

Other options considered and rejected

- Not applicable.

Corporate priorities

- The report relates to the following corporate priorities:

An exemplary council	Healthy and happy communities
Opportunities for everyone	Green and clean neighbourhood

Background to the report

- On 3 March 2024, the Leader of the Council appointed Councillor Colin Sharples to the Cabinet in place of Councillor James Flannery.
- The Leader also made changes to Cabinet portfolio areas with Councillor Ian Watkinson taking on the Planning, Business Support and Economic Development portfolio and Councillor Sharples taking on the Customer Services and Digital portfolio.

9. As a result of the changes in Cabinet membership there are consequential changes needed to committee membership and outside bodies.
10. The following committee membership and outside body changes have been put forward by the Leader of the Council:
 - (a) Governance Committee
 - Remove Councillor Sharples and replace with Councillor Deborah Ashton.
 - Appoint Councillor Wesley Roberts as Chair and Councillor Deborah Ashton as Vice-chair.
 - (b) Planning Committee
 - Remove Councillor Sharples as a substitute and replace with Councillor Chirs Lomax.
 - (c) Standards Committee
 - Remove Councillor Sharples and replace with Councillor Keith Martin.
 - (d) Outside Bodies
 - Leyland Town Deal Board – replace Councillor James Flannery with Councillor Ian Watkinson.
 - Central Lancashire Strategic Planning Joint Advisory Committee – replace Councillor James Flannery with Councillor Ian Watkinson.
11. Following Councillor Mathew Forshaw becoming an independent Member, the political proportionality of the Council has been reviewed with the Conservative Group having one less committee place and Councillor Mathew Forshaw being eligible for one committee place. It is therefore proposed that Councillor Mathew Forshaw remain on the Licensing and Public Safety Committee.
12. The Leader of the Conservative Group has asked that Councillor Damian Bretherton replace Councillor Matthew Forshaw as substitute on the Corporate, Performance and Budget Scrutiny Committee.
13. It should be noted that all committees and their membership will be reviewed as usual for the Annual Meeting of the Council in May.

Climate change and air quality

14. The work noted in this report does not impact the climate change and sustainability targets of the Councils Green Agenda and all environmental considerations are in place.

Equality and diversity

15. There are no equality and diversity implications as a result of this report.

Risk

16. The purpose of this report is to mitigate any risks associated with our decision-making processes.

Comments of the Statutory Finance Officer

17. There are no financial implications from this report. Member allowances are already included within the budget.

Comments of the Monitoring Officer

18. This report is in accordance with the relevant legislation and the Council's constitution.

Background documents

There are no background papers to this report.

Appendices

There are no appendices to this report.

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