

**Appointments 2016/17:**

**Appointment of Leader of the Main Opposition**

**Appointment of Members to Non-Executive Committees and Sub-Committees including substitute members;**

**Appointment of Chairman and Vice-Chairman of committees**

**Notification of Group Leaders**

**Report by the Director for Communities**

**1.0 Summary**

1.1 To agree the Appointments for 2016/17

**2.0 Background**

2.1 The business conducted at the Annual Meeting of Council is governed by the Local Government Act 1972, the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 and the Local Government Act 2000 and Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act, 2007 where this relates to executive arrangements.

2.2 The Procedure rules for the Annual Meeting of the council are set out in Part 4 of the Council's Constitution.

2.3 Appointments to the Executive are made by the Leader and notified to the Proper Officer.

**3.0 Proposals**

3.1 That the Council confirm the items relating to the appointments as set out in Annex A to this report which will be circulated as soon as the information has been received from the Group Leaders.

### 3.2 Leader of the Main Opposition

Extract from the Constitution:

*(a) At the Annual Council each year, subject to (c) below, the Full Council shall appoint a Leader of the Main Opposition who shall be entitled to receive any Special Responsibility Allowance payable to that office.*

*(b) Where there is a political group or combination of political groups forming the Administration, the Leader of the Main Opposition shall be the leader of the next largest political group;*

*(c) Where the next largest political group does not wish to nominate a Member to be the Leader of the Main Opposition, the Council shall not appoint any Member to that office;*

*(d) If there is equality in the number of Members in all opposition groups, there will be no appointment to the role of Leaders of the Opposition; e.g. if there are two opposition groups with equal membership;*

*If there is no opposition group, and there is an equal number of opposition Members, there will be no appointment to the role of Leader of the opposition, e.g. if there are 2 individual opposition Members, representing different parties.*

- 3.3 The two opposition groups on the Council (UKIP and Lib Dem) have an equality of numbers of Members therefore (d) applies.
- 3.4 That the appointment of the Council's representative to the West Sussex Health and Adult Social Care Select Committee be made from the membership of the Council's Overview and Scrutiny committee.

### 4.0 Legal

- 4.1 s106 Local Government Act 1972 provides that councils may make standing orders for the regulation of their proceedings and business
- 4.2 s111 Local Government Act 1972 provides that the Council shall have the power to do anything which is calculated to facilitate or is conducive or incidental to the discharge of any of their functions.
- 4.3 s15, 16 and 17 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 set out powers and duties in relation to political balance on Committees and the exceptions and exemptions therein.
- 4.4 Local Government Act 2000 as amended by the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 sets out regulations regarding appointments to Cabinet and Committees in Councils that have adopted Executive arrangements.
- 4.5 The Local Choice Functions are listed in the Constitution at Part 3 Section 3.

## **5.0 Financial implications**

5.1 There are no direct financial implications arising from this report.

## **6.0 Recommendation**

- 6.1 That in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 39 (d), there is no appointment to the position of Leader of the Main Opposition for 2016/17,
- 6.2 the Council agree the membership of the Council's Non-Executive Committees, and appointment of Chairman and Vice Chairman as appropriate, for 2016/17 as set out in Annex A of this report;
- 6.3 That the Council note the Substitute Members for 2016/17 as included in Annex A of this report;
- 6.4 That the Council note the Group Leaders, and deputies, as identified to the Proper Officer, included in the revised Annex B of this report
- 6.5 That the Council's representative on the West Sussex Health and Adult Social Care Committee appointed from the membership of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

## **Local Government Act 1972**

### **Background Papers:**

Returns of information from Group Leaders

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## **Schedule of Other Matters**

### **1.0 Council Priority**

1.1 Matter considered and no issues identified

### **2.0 Specific Action Plans**

2.1 (A) Matter considered and no issues identified  
(B) Matter considered and no issues identified

### **3.0 Sustainability Issues**

3.1 Matter considered and no issues identified

### **4.0 Equality Issues**

4.1 Committees must take proper account of the Council's duties to promote compliance with the convention rights scheduled in the Human Rights Act 1988, to reduce crime and disorder and to promote equalities

### **5.0 Community Safety Issues (Section 17)**

5.1 Matter considered and no issues identified

### **6.0 Human Rights Issues**

6.1 Matter considered and no issues identified

### **7.0 Reputation**

7.1 Matter considered and no issues identified

### **8.0 Consultations**

8.1 Matter considered and no issues identified

### **9.0 Risk Assessment**

9.1 Matter considered and no issues identified

### **10.0 Health & Safety Issues**

10.1 Matter considered and no issues identified

### **11.0 Procurement Strategy**

11.1 Matter considered and no issues identified

### **12.0 Partnership Working**

12.1 The Committee structure of Worthing Borough Council contains a number of Joint Committees with Adur, Horsham and Mid-Sussex Councils

**Group Leaders as Notified to the Proper Officer:**

	Leader	Deputy Leader
Conservative Group	TBA	TBA
Liberal Democrats	TBA	TBA
UKIP	TBA	TBA