

Committee Membership

Summary – This report asks Members to consider a continuation of current committee membership into 2020/2021. This will be reviewed later in the municipal year.

1. Background

Under para.6 of Standing Orders, it is usual to have committee membership decided following the Mayor-Making ceremony. During the Coronavirus pandemic, it is recommended, for continuity, that committee membership continues as was agreed for 2019/2020. This is as follows:

Planning Committee - all Councillors, each Member having a vote with the exception of the Town Mayor (ex officio)

Chairman: Cllr S. Price - Vice-Chair: Cllr A. Wilson

Amenities and Open Spaces Committee - Cllrs. Castle, Ross, Barrett-Morton, Farrell, Cairns, Hall, Hillier and Heath plus the Town Mayor

Chairman: Cllr D. Heath – Vice-Chair: Cllr L. Farrell

Finance and Policy Committee - Cllrs. Fogg, Ross, Kirk Wilson, Loosmore, Hall, Price and Wilson plus the Town Mayor

Chairman: Cllr A. Ross – Vice-Chair: Cllr G. Loosmore

Property Committee - Cllrs. Dow, Fogg, Kirk Wilson, Loosmore, Cairns, Price and Wilson plus the Town Mayor

Chairman: Cllr G. Loosmore – Vice-Chair: Cllr S. Price

Staffing Sub Committee - Cllrs. Castle, Dow, Barrett-Morton, Farrell, Hall, Price, Wilson and Heath plus the Town Mayor

Chairman: Cllr P Dow – Vice-Chair: Cllr A Wilson

The former Town Mayor will take the committee seats originally allocated to the newly elected Town Mayor. The above reflects this.

Membership of any working parties appointed by Full Council or its committees will also remain as they were for 2019/20.

2. Review of Committee Membership

Committee membership can be reviewed or changed at any time during the Municipal Year.

3. Schedule of Meetings

During the period of emergency measures and lockdown, the Town Mayor, Chairman of each Committee and Town Clerk will decide if a scheduled meeting should go ahead. As already agreed, delegated authority will continue to be used where appropriate.

4. Financial Implications

There are no financial implications attached to this decision.

Town Clerk's Recommendation

The Town Clerk recommends that Members agree that, for the purpose of continuity, membership of committees and any associated working parties remains as agreed for 2019/20 and that this can be reviewed later in the 2020/2021 municipal year.