

Subject:	Appointment of Chair		
Date of Meeting:	18 September 2019		
Report of:	Executive Director for Families, Children & Learning		
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Ward(s) affected:	(All Wards);		

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Note:

By reason of the special circumstances, and in accordance with section 100B(4)(b) of the 1972 Act, the Deputy Chair of the Committee has been consulted and is of the opinion that this item should be considered at the meeting as a matter of urgency to avoid any prolonged delay and to ensure the committee has a designated Chair.

The special circumstances for non-compliance with Council Procedure Rule 3, Access to Information Procedure Rule 5 and Section 100B(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended), (items not considered unless the agenda is open to inspection at least five days in advance of the meeting) were that confirmation from the Labour Group on the changes to committee and their nominated person for the role of Chair could only be confirmed after the 9th September.

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT AND POLICY CONTEXT

- 1.1 The report informs the Housing Committee of the resignation of Councillor Allcock as Chair of the Committee and seeks the appointment of his replacement.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 2.1 That Councillor Williams is appointed as the Chair of the Committee.

3. CONTEXT/ BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 3.1 Following Councillor Allcock's resignation from the committee, there is a need to fill the vacant Chair's role and in accordance with the agreed protocol for working under no overall control, the Labour Group have nominated Councillor Williams to be Chair.
- 3.2 The Leader of the Labour Group, Councillor Platts has confirmed Councillor Williams appointment to the committee in place of Councillor Allcock.

4. ANALYSIS & CONSIDERATION OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

- 4.1 There is a need to appoint a Chair in order for the committee to be fully effective and to prevent any undue delay it is recommended that the matter is dealt with at the meeting on the 18th September rather than waiting for full Council on the 24th October.

5. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT & CONSULTATION

- 5.1 The Leaders of the Groups have been consulted and support the appointment of the Chair.

6. CONCLUSION

- 6.1 The appointment of Chair will ensure the requirements of the constitution are met.

7. FINANCIAL & OTHER IMPLICATIONS:

Financial Implications:

- 7.1 The change of Chair has no direct financial implication as the SRA for the role is included within the Members Allowances budget for 2019/20 and is paid directly to the post-holder.

Finance Officer Consulted: Peter Francis

Date: 12/09/19

Legal Implications:

- 7.2 The Constitution provides for the full Council and/or the respective committee to appoint the Chair of Committee.

Lawyer Consulted: Abraham Ghebre-Ghiorghis *Date: 12/09/19*

Equalities Implications:

- 7.3 An Equality Impact Assessment has not been carried out; the appointment of the Chair is for the committee.

Sustainability Implications:

- 7.4 There are no sustainability implications in relation to this report.

Any Other Significant Implications:

- 7.5 There are no other significant implications in relation to this report.