



# Borough of Telford and Wrekin

## Annual Council

Thursday, 19 May 2022

### Appointment of Committees and Boards for 2022/2023

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<b>Cabinet Member:</b>	<b>Cllr Rae Evans – Cabinet Member: Finance, Governance &amp; Customer Service</b>
<b>Lead Director:</b>	<b>Anthea Lowe - Director: Policy &amp; Governance</b>
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<b>Wards Affected:</b>	<b>All</b>
<b>Key Decision:</b>	<b>No</b>

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#### 1.0 Recommendations for decision/noting:

It is recommended that -

- (1) Council appoints the Committees and Boards, as shown at Appendix 1 of this report, for the 2022/2023 Municipal Year, and approves the appointment of the Chair and Vice-Chair for each body;**
- (2) The Monitoring Officer be authorised to give effect to nominations to Committees and Boards notified to her in writing by Group Leaders;**
- (3) Confirmation of the Terms of Reference for each Committee and Board be delegated to the relevant Committee or Board; and**

#### 2.0 Purpose of Report

- 2.1 This report sets out the Committees and Boards to be appointed for the 2022/2023 municipal year; the Members who will serve on these bodies; and the proposed nominees for Chair and Vice-Chair.

### **3.0 Background**

3.1 In accordance with the Constitution, the Annual Meeting of the Council will appoint such committees and boards as the Council considers appropriate to deal with matters which are neither reserved to the Council nor are Cabinet functions; will agree the size of each Committee; and will appoint a Chair, Vice-Chair, Members and substitute Members (where appropriate) for each committee and board in accordance with political balance rules.

### **4.0 Summary of main proposals**

4.1 The various Committees and Boards to be appointed for 2022/2023 are shown at Appendix 1.

4.2 Political balance rules have been applied where appropriate in terms of:

- (a) the allocation of seats to political groups on each individual Committee/Board; and
- (b) the overall number of seats allocated to each political group reflecting the relative size of each group as a percentage of the total number of Council members.

4.3 Group Leaders have endorsed the allocation of seats to the Committees/Boards, based on the principles set out at paragraph 4.2. Each political group has submitted nominations to its allotted seats, and the proposed membership for each Committee/Board (including substitutes where appropriate) is shown at Appendix 1.

4.4 Appendix 1 also shows the nominees for Chair of each body and for Vice-Chair of each body (except for Scrutiny Board/Committees), for approval.

4.5 Council is also asked to re-assert delegated authority to the Monitoring Officer to appoint Members to Committees and Boards in accordance with the wishes of the Group Leaders as notified in writing. This delegation avoids the necessity to refer each nomination to Council and it is effectively an administrative task. If the delegation is approved, the Monitoring Officer must give effect to the nomination, provided it is lawful and not contrary to the Council's own procedure rules or when the appointment is exercisable only by the Cabinet.

4.6 It is requested that authority is delegated to the Monitoring Officer, in consultation with Group Leaders, to agree the political balance and committee seat allocations following any changes to the Council's makeup within the municipal year.

4.7 The Constitution requires Council to agree the Terms of Reference of all Committees and Boards. It is recommended that each Committee be authorised to review its own Terms of Reference.

### **5.0 Background papers**

None.

## **6.0 Appendices**

1 Boards and Committees Memberships 2022 2023

## **7.0 Report Signed off**

<b>Signed off by</b>	<b>Date sent</b>	<b>Date signed off</b>
Director: Policy & Governance	9 May 2022	11 May 2022