

<b>Name of decision-maker</b> Council	<b>DATE</b> 18 September 2024
<b>REPORT/DECISION TITLE</b> Changes to Membership of Committees and related matters	<b>WARD(S)</b> All
<b>CHIEF OFFICER</b> Hannah Doody, Chief Executive	<b>CABINET/LEAD MEMBER</b> Councillor Ross Garrod, Leader of the Council
<b>DECISION CLASSIFICATION</b>  <i>Non-exempt report</i>	<b>IS THE FINAL DECISION ON THE RECOMMENDATIONS IN THIS REPORT TO BE MADE AT THIS MEETING?</b>  Yes

**1 Recommendations:**

- A. That Council notes the changes to the membership of Committees that were approved under delegated authority since the last meeting of the Council**
- B. That Council approves the changes to Committees and outside bodies detailed at 4.2 of the report**

**2 Purpose of Report and Executive Summary**

- 2.1 This report asks Council to note the changes made to committee memberships under delegated authority since the publication of the agenda for the last ordinary Council meeting on 9 July 2024, those being listed at 4.1 of the report. It also provides a number of changes to Committees and outside bodies to be approved by Council.

**3 Links to the Merton Priorities (Borough of Sport/Civic Pride/Sustainable Futures)**

- 3.1 This report relates to the Council’s Strategic priorities as follows:
- 3.2 The report enables the Council to appoint to seats on Committees panels and outside bodies which make decisions that assist the Council to work towards achieving the Council’s strategic priorities.

**4 Introduction and Background**

- 4.1 The following membership changes have been made by the Chief Executive under their delegated authority in accordance with part 3E of the Constitution and are noted as part of this report:

<b>Committee</b>	<b>Member Resigning</b>	<b>Replaced by</b>	<b>Date</b>
Development and Planning Applications Committee	Councillor Michael Butcher	Councillor Shuile Syeda	12.8.24
Overview & Scrutiny Commission	Councillor Paul Kohler	Councillor Robert Page	2.9.24
Overview & Scrutiny Commission	Councillor Robert Page – <i>(Substitute Member)</i>	Councillor Paul Kohler – <i>(Substitute Member)</i>	2.9.24
Overview & Scrutiny Commission	Councillor Anthony Fairclough – <i>(Substitute Member)</i>	Councillor Victoria Wilson – <i>(Substitute Member)</i>	2.9.24
Standards and General Purposes Committee	Councillor Robert Page	Councillor Simon McGrath	2.9.24
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Healthier Communities and Older People Overview & Scrutiny Panel	Councillor Andrew Howard	Councillor Thomas Barlow	3.9.24

4.2 Council is also asked to approve the following appointments:

<b>Committee</b>	<b>Member Resigning</b>	<b>Replaced by</b>
Healthier Communities & Older People Overview & Scrutiny Panel	Councillor Thomas Barlow	Councillor Andrew Howard
South West London and Surrey Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee	Cllr Peter McCabe	Councillor Agatha Akyigyina
London Councils Transport and Environment Committee – Substitute	N/A – Vacant	Councillor Eleanor Stringer
Wandle Valley Regional Park Trust	N/A – Vacant	Councillor Eleanor Stringer
South West London Joint Waste Management Committee	N/A – Vacant	Councillor Stephen Alambritis

## **5 Available Options**

- 5.1 It is recommended that Council note the report and approve the listed appointments.
- 5.2 Council could choose to not approve the proposals within the report and submit alternative options which would need to be ratified by Council.

## **6 Preferred Option**

- 6.1 That Council note the report and approve the recommendations.

## **7 Reasons for Recommendations**

- 7.1 The recommendations will enable the Council to discharge its functions effectively and efficiently.

## 8 Consultation Results

8.1 None for the purposes of this report.

## 9 Next Steps & Timetable: Communication and Implementation of the Decision

9.1 Any appointments approved by Council will take immediate effect, those approved under delegated authority by the Chief Executive have taken effect from the dates listed within the report.

## 10 Report Appendices

10.1 The following documents are to be published with and form part of the report:

- *None*

## 11 Background Papers

- *None*

## 12 Cross-Cutting Issues and Implications and Sign-Off

Issue	Implications	Sign-off
<b>Legal</b> including Human Rights Act	The purpose of the report is to ask Council to (1) approve the changes to Committees and outside bodies detailed in the report and (2) note the changes to memberships of Committees approved by the Chief Executive under delegated authority since the last meeting of Council. There are no legal implications arising from the report and Council is authorised to agree the recommendations in paragraph 1 of the report.	John Scarborough, Monitoring Officer, 6 September 2024
<b>Finance</b> and other resources	There are no financial implications to this report, as members are being moved around between committees and no additional appointments are being made.	<i>Gina James</i> <i>Service Financial Adviser</i> <i>10.09.2024</i>
<b>Equalities</b>	The decisions recommended through this paper have a remote or low relevance to the substance of the Equality Act. There is no apparent equality impact on end users. necessary.	Amy Dumitrescu Head of Democracy Services 2.9.24
<b>Climate change</b>	The decisions recommended in this paper have a remote or low impact on Merton's	Amy Dumitrescu Head of

<b>Issue</b>	<b>Implications</b>	<b>Sign-off</b>
	Climate Strategy & Action Plan adopted by full Council on 18th November 2020.	Democracy Services 2.9.24
<b>Executive Director</b>	<i>Clearance/Approval of Report</i>	<i>Polly Cziok Executive Director Innovation &amp; Change  18.9.24</i>
<b>Cabinet Member/s</b>	<i>Clearance/Approval of Report</i>	<i>Councillor Ross Garrod  18.9.24</i>
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