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DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

COUNCIL

1 December 2021

**Report of the Director of Legal & Democratic Services & Monitoring
Officer**

Changes to Committee Membership

1. Purpose

- 1.1 To seek approval to changes to the membership of one of the Council's committees and appointments of outside bodies.

2. Information and Analysis

- 2.1 At the Annual Meeting of Council on 26 May 2021, Council approved the appointments to Committees including the Governance, Ethics and Standards Committee. The Council has been made aware of changes which need to be approved as detailed below:

Councillor Stuart Swann be appointed as Chairman of the Governance, Ethics and Standards Committee; and

Councillor Robert Flatley be appointed as Vice-Chairman of the Governance, Ethics and Standards Committee.

- 2.2 Cabinet appointments and portfolio responsibilities are determined by the Leader of the Council. Councillor Robert Flatley has replaced Councillor Nigel Gourlay as the Cabinet Support Member for Education and the Council has been notified of the following amendments to the County

Council's representative on the outside bodies associated with that position, which Council is requested to approve with immediate effect:

- Councillor Robert Flatley to be the County Council's representative on the Derbyshire Information Advice and Support Service for SEND;
- Councillor Robert Flatley to be the County Council's representative on the Derwent Valley Mills World Heritage Site Education Trust (Trustee)
- Councillor David Muller to be the County Council's representative on Derbyshire Healthcare NHS Trust Foundation Trust Partner Governor

3. Consultation

3.1 Consultation is not required.

4. Alternative Options Considered

4.1 No alternative options have been considered as the appointments have been submitted as appropriate by the relevant political group.

5. Implications

5.1 Appendix 1 sets out the relevant implications considered in the preparation of the report.

6. Background Papers

6.1 None

7. Appendices

7.1 Appendix 1 – Implications.

8. Recommendation(s)

That Council, with effect from 2 December 2021:

- a) Approves the appointment of Councillor Stuart Swann as the Chair of the Governance, Ethics and Standards Committee and Councillor Robert Flatley as Vice-chair; and
- b) Notes the change to the Cabinet Support Member for Education and agrees that Councillor Gourlay be replaced by Councillors Robert Flatley and David Muller on the outside bodies as detailed in paragraph 2.2 of the report.

9. Reasons for Recommendation(s)

9.1 To ensure that the Council has sufficient membership on its Committees that reflect the wishes of the political group.

9.2 To ensure that the Council has appropriate representatives on outside bodies.

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Implications

Financial

- 1.1 Under the Council's Members' Allowances Scheme special responsibility allowances (SRAs) are payable to Cabinet Members, Cabinet Support Members and Chairs/Vice Chairs of Committees. The changes proposed can be accommodated from existing budgets.

Legal

- 2.1 The appointment of Members to Council Committees is a function of Full Council as set out in the Constitution. When allocating seats on committees, the Council must give effect to the principles set out in the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 and the Local Government (Committees and Political Groups) Regulations 1990. In exercising this function, under section 16 of the 1989 Act, the Council has a duty to give effect to the wishes of the political group as soon as reasonably practicable.
- 2.2 Appointments to outside bodies is a local choice function which can be exercised by Council or the Leader under delegated powers.

Human Resources

- 3.1 None

Information Technology

- 4.1 None

Equalities Impact

- 5.1 None

Corporate objectives and priorities for change

- 6.1 None

Other (for example, Health and Safety, Environmental Sustainability, Property and Asset Management, Risk Management and Safeguarding)

- 7.1 None

