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<b>REPORT OF:</b>	CHIEF EXECUTIVE
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<b>DATE:</b>	15 DECEMBER 2016

<b>AGENDA ITEM NO:</b>	6	<b>WARD(S) AFFECTED:</b>	ALL
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<b>SUBJECT:</b>	<b>ALLOCATION OF SEATS ON COMMITTEES AND COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP 2016/17</b>
<b>PURPOSE OF THE REPORT:</b>	TO CONSIDER A REPORT ON CHANGES TO THE ALLOCATION OF SEATS ON COMMITTEES AND TO MAKE CHANGES TO COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP.

**RECOMMENDATION**

- (i) That the allocation of seats on Committees, for the remainder of the Municipal Year 2016/17, be approved as set out in Annex 1 to this report; and
- (ii) That the following changes be made to the Membership of Committees for the remainder of the 2016/17 Municipal Year:

**Overview and Scrutiny Committee**

That Councillor C. Stevens be appointed a member of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee (as a Conservative Member - formerly holding the UKIP place); and

That Councillor R. Ashford be appointed as a Conservative Member of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

**Planning Committee**

That Councillor C. Stevens (Conservative) be appointed as a Substitute Member on the Planning Committee.

**SUMMARY**

The Chief Executive has been informed that Councillor C. Stevens has given notice of his wish to join the Conservative Group with effect from 10 October 2016.

In addition, following the outcome of the by election reported to Council at item 5

(Councillor R. Ashford being elected as a Conservative Member of Council), the Council is required to review the allocation of seats to political groups as set out in the Local Government and Housing Act 1989.

The implications of the above adjustments to the Membership of the Council result in an overall change to the political proportionality by increasing the Conservatives' strength by one seat as follows:

- Conservatives 40;
- Residents Association 7;
- Greens; 2 and
- Liberal Democrats 2.

The implications of this for Line Committee allocations results in the Conservatives increasing their representation on one of the Committees of 15 by one place.

The Conservative Group Leader, Councillor J.M. Ellacott, has confirmed that this place will be taken on the Overview and Scrutiny Committee. Attached is the revised allocation of seats on Committees for the Municipal Year 2016/17 arising from these changes to cover the remainder of the Municipal Year.

There were no other material implications arising from this recalculation.

Consultation was undertaken with Party Group Leaders on the above proposal and no objections were received.

Council is also requested to consider the appointment of Members to Committees arising from this review for the remainder of the 2016/17 Municipal Year as follows:

#### **Overview and Scrutiny Committee**

That Councillor C. Stevens be appointed to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee (as a Conservative Member - formerly holding the UKIP place on this Committee); and

That Councillor R. Ashford be appointed as a Conservative Member of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

#### **Planning Committee**

That Councillor C. Stevens (Conservative) be appointed as a Substitute Member on the Planning Committee.

## Allocation of seats on Committees for the Municipal Year 2016/17 (December 2016 onwards)

<b>Committees (No. of Seats available)</b>	<b>Conservative</b>	<b>Residents' Associations</b>	<b>Green</b>	<b>Liberal Democrat</b>	<b>Allocated Total</b>
Overview and Scrutiny (15)	12	2	1	0	15
Employment (5)	4	1	0	0	5
Planning (19)	15	2	1	1	19
Licensing and Regulatory (15)	11	2	1	1	15
Standards (5)	4	1	0	0	5
No. of Seats on Committees	46	8	3	2	59
Surrey County Council Local Committee (10)	8	1	0	1	10