

**2. APPOINTMENT OF VICE CHAIR OF SERVICES COMMITTEE (A.1146/EWJ)**

**Proposal**

1. To fill the vacancy in the position of Vice Chair of the Services Committee. This arises out of Mrs Crowe's retirement from the Authority.

**2. RECOMMENDATION:**

**That a Secretary of State appointed Member be appointed as the Vice Chair of the Services Committee for a period from 1 April to the Annual Meeting on 6 July 2007.**

**Policy/Legal Background**

3. Standing Orders provide that on a casual vacancy occurring in the office of Chair or Vice Chair of the Standing Committees the vacancy shall be filled by the appointment by the Authority of one of its Members at their next meeting and the person so appointed shall hold office until the date upon which the person in whose place he or she is appointed would regularly have retired. The usual retirement date is the Annual meeting of the Authority.
4. Standing Orders provide that the appointments to the offices of Chairs and Vice Chairs of each of the standing Committees shall normally be such that one of the offices shall be held by a Council Member and the other office held by a Secretary of State or Parish Member. Mrs Crowe is appointed to the Authority by the Secretary of State.

**Key Issues**

5. A vacancy arises in the position of Vice Chair of the Services Committee when Mrs Crowe retires from the Authority on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2007.
6. This vacancy also creates vacancies on the Strategic Advisory Group and the Urgent Business Items Sub-Committee. Committee Vice Chairs are automatically appointed to these as holders of that particular appointment.
7. The Chairs and Vice Chairs of Committees play a fundamental role in working with officers and as consultees on the business of the respective Committees and it is therefore considered necessary that this position be filled.

## **APPENDIX**

### **Background**

1. See main report.

### **Resources**

2. There are no additional resources arising out of the proposal.

### **Risk Management**

3. There are no risks arising out of the proposals. However to leave the vacancy unfilled for a period of three months is considered not to be in the best interests of the operation of the business of the Authority

### **Human Rights, Equalities, Health & Safety**

4. There are no such issues arising out of the proposal.

### **Consultees**

5. Not necessary.

### **Enclosures**

6. None.

### **List of Background Papers** (not previously published)

7. None.

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