

## 2. APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO COMMITTEES (A.111/EWJ)

### Purpose of the report

- 1 This report requests the meeting to appoint Members to the three Standing Committees.

### Recommendation

- 2 **That Members be appointed to the Planning Committee, Services Committee, and Audit and Performance Committee.**

### How does this contribute to our policies and legal obligations?

- 3 Our committee and decision making processes contribute to Corporate Outcome K1 "Ensuring value for money, sustainability and high standards of corporate governance in the way that we deliver services".
- 4 The Environment Act 1995 requires that membership of the Committees should as far as possible reflect the make up of the membership of the Authority. This means that each Committee should have a majority of Council appointed Members over the Members appointed by the Secretary of State, which includes Parish Members.

### Background

- 5 The agreed membership of the Standing Committees is as follows:

All Committees - ex-officio Members	Chair and Deputy Chair of the Authority Chairs of the other two Committees with Vice-Chairs deputising for their Chairs
Planning Committee:	Places allocated to Councils on a representational basis with places allocated to the Secretary of State National and Parish Members (Appendix 1)
Services Committee	The other Members not appointed to the Planning Committee.
Audit and Performance Committee	The same membership as the Services Committee

- 6 In April this year with the change to unitary councils in Cheshire the vacancy that arose on the Planning Committee which was previously occupied by Cheshire County Council was temporarily allocated to High Peak Borough Council. This place is now allocated to Cheshire East Council the successor to Cheshire County Council and Macclesfield Borough Council.

7 Council Members

The current council appointed Members on the Planning Committee are shown in Appendix 1.

If any changes are proposed it has been the practice in the past that only Council appointed Members vote to fill these places.

8 Secretary of State Members (National and Parish Members)

The current Secretary of State appointed Members on the Planning Committee are shown in the Appendix

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**Proposals**

- 9 It is proposed that the current arrangements for the allocation of places on the Planning Committee continue and that the appointments be made to the Standing Committee as usual.

**Are there any corporate implications members should be concerned about?**

10 **Financial:**

Attendance at all meetings is an approved duty for the payment of travel and subsistence allowances.

11 **Risk Management:**

There are no risks arising out of the report

- 12 **Background papers** (not previously published) – None

**Appendices -**

Appendix: 1: Planning Committee Membership

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