



Individual Executive Decision Notice

Report title	Appointment to the Children, Young People and Families Scrutiny Panel	
Decision designation	GREEN	
Cabinet member with lead responsibility	Councillor Ian Brookfield Leader of the Council	
Wards affected	Not applicable;	
Accountable Director	Mark Taylor, Deputy Managing Director	
Originating service	Governance	
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Report to be/has been considered by	Not applicable	

Summary

To approve an appointment to the Children, Young People and Families Scrutiny Panel.

Recommendation for decision:

That the Leader of the Council, in consultation with the Deputy Managing Director:

1. Approves the appointment of Councillor Jasbinder Dehar from the Adults and Safer City Scrutiny Panel to the Children, Young People and Families Scrutiny Panel for the remainder of the Municipal Year 2019/2020.

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Date:

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1.0 Background

1.1 The composition of the Children, Young People and Families Scrutiny Panel as approved at the meeting of Annual Council on 15 May 2019, provides for twelve elected members of the Council (ten Labour and two Conservative). There are currently two vacancies to be filled by the Labour Group. The Labour Group has nominated Councillor Jasbinder Dehar to move from the Adults and Safer City Scrutiny Panel to fill one of the vacancies on the Children, Young People and Families Scrutiny Panel.

2.0 Evaluation of alternative options

2.1 The alternative option to the proposed recommendation would be to not fill the vacancy on the panel. This would prevent the Labour Group from taking up one of its remaining allocation of seats on the Children, Young People and Families Scrutiny Panel. However, it would create a vacancy on the Adults and Safer City Scrutiny Panel to be filled by the Labour Group.

3.0 Reasons for decision

3.1 This decision will ensure that the Labour Group fills one of its vacancies on the Children, Young People and Families Scrutiny Panel.

4.0 Financial implications

4.1 There are no financial implications associated with the recommendation in this report as the appointment to the Children, Young People and Families Scrutiny Panel does not attract a Special Responsibility Allowance.
[GE/21062019/W]

5.0 Legal implications

5.1 The Local Government and Housing Act 1989 requires the Council to review periodically the political composition of the Authority, and how this is applied to appointments to Council bodies.

5.2 The rules for securing political balance on Committees and Sub-Committees appointed by local authorities are contained in sections 15 and 16 of the Act and the Local Government (Committees and Political Groups) Regulations, 1990.

5.3 The Council is under a duty to:

- ensure that the membership of those committees and sub-committees covered by the rules reflect the political composition of the Council, as far as practicable;
- review the allocation of seats to political groups at or as soon as practical after the Annual Council meeting and at certain other specified times e.g. as a result of changes in political balance or an increase in the number of committees established;
- allocate seats on the committees to the political groups in proportion to their numerical strength on the Council, as far as practicable;
- accept nominations made by the groups for the filling of seats allocated to them.

5.4 In determining the allocation of seats, the Council must also apply the following four principles, as far as reasonably practicable:

- (a) not all seats to be allocated to the same political group;
- (b) if a political group has a majority on the Council, it must have a majority of seats on committees;
- (c) subject to (a) – (b) above, the total of all seats on ordinary committees should be allocated to the groups in proportion to their respective strength on the Council; and
- (d) subject to (a) – (c) The number of seats on ordinary committees or sub-committees to be allocated to each political group in proportion to the number of all the seats on the committee or sub-committee in proportion to their respective strength on the Council.

[TC/26062019/H]

6.0 Equalities implications

6.1 There are no equalities implications arising from the recommendation in the report.

7.0 Environmental implications

7.1 There are no environmental implications arising from the recommendation in the report.

8.0 Human resources implications

8.1 There are no human resources implications arising from the recommendation in the report.

9.0 Corporate Landlord implications

9.1 There are no Corporate landlord implications arising from the recommendation in the report

10.0 Health and Wellbeing implications

13.1 There are no health and wellbeing implications arising from the recommendation in the report.

11.0 Schedule of background papers

11.1 None