

## **Appointment of Vice-Chairman of Area West Committee (Executive Decision)**

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### **Purpose of the Report**

To agree to appoint a new Vice-Chairman of Area West Committee for the remainder of the Council year.

### **Public Interest**

At the Council meeting on 19<sup>th</sup> July, Members formally elected Councillor Val Keitch to be the new Leader of Council from 1<sup>st</sup> September 2018. When Councillor Keitch took up her new position, it left a vacancy for the position of Chairman of the Area West Committee. This was subsequently filled by the then Vice-Chairman, Councillor Jason Baker, and the position of Vice-Chairman was filled by Councillor Carol Goodall. Councillor Goodall has indicated her intention to step down from the role and therefore the position of Vice-Chairman of the Area West Committee is vacant.

### **Recommendation**

It is recommended that Members appoint a new Vice-Chairman of the Area West Committee with immediate effect for the remainder of the Council year.

### **Report**

The Council's Constitution (Part 4 – Rules of Procedure) requires the Council to appoint Chairman and Vice-Chairmen to its various Committees of the Council at the start of each Council term. The appointment is normally for the whole of the Council year but the Constitution sets out the circumstances in which the appointment may end.

In accordance with the requirements of the Constitution, Councillor Carol Goodall gave notice that she would be stepping down as Vice-Chairman of the Area West Committee with effect from 31<sup>st</sup> December 2018. This has created a vacancy for the position of Vice-Chairman of Area West Committee which Members are being asked to fill at this meeting.

### **Financial Implications**

There are no direct financial implications in taking this decision as there will still be the same number of District Councillors, Portfolio Holders and Committee Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen. The allowance associated with this appointment can be funded from the existing councillors' allowances budget.

### **Carbon Emissions Climate Change Implications**

There are no specific environmental implications arising from the subject matter of this report.

## **Equalities and Diversity Impact**

There are no specific equality or diversity implications arising from the subject matter of this report.

## **Background Papers**

Council Agenda and Minutes of meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> May 2018.

Area West Committee Agenda and Minutes of the meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> August 2018.

Area West Committee Agenda and Minutes of the meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> September 2018.

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