

SUBJECT: Membership of Monmouthshire's Standing Advisory Committee Local Authority Appointment Panel

Meeting: Standing Advisory Committee

DATE: 12th December 2023

DIVISION/WARDS AFFECTED: N/A

1. PURPOSE

1.1 Further to the SAC meeting of 4th October 2023, to confirm the membership of the Monmouthshire Standing Advisory Committee (SAC) appointment panel.

2. RECOMMENDATION:

2.1 To accept the future arrangements for membership of the Monmouthshire SAC appointment panel as set out below.

3. KEY ISSUES:

3.1 The SAC appointment panel will consist of the SAC Chair and one elected member from each of the political groups which make up the serving council. All members will have one vote and in the event of a split decision, the Chair will have the casting vote. All LA representatives

3.2 The appointment panel will consider applications from faith groups. The panel will meet twice a year and more frequently if necessary, to consider applications for membership of SAC.

3.3 The panel will have the power to recommend an applicant's appointment to SAC. The SAC Chair will inform the Full Council of any such recommendation. The final decision to appoint will be made by Full Council.

3.4 Once a decision to appoint has been made by Full Council, the SAC Chair will inform the applicant of the outcome and, if appointed, invite the latter to the next SAC meeting.

4. OPTIONS APPRAISAL

Do Nothing

Not agreeing to establishing a process for appointing members of SAC runs the risk that the local authority has not constituted SAC appropriately, thereby exposing any decision of SAC to the potential risk of legal challenge. A lack of a formal process also runs the risk of the LA acting inconsistently in the manner in which it appoints new members and being perceived to lack transparency, exposing it to allegations of acting unfairly or unreasonably.

Agree to proposed composition of the appointment panel.

Under the SAC Constitution and Terms of Reference, the responsibility for appointing members of the SAC appointment panel lies with the political groups which make up the serving council. Recommending the establishment of a formal process to appoint members of SAC panel will ensure that the LA is reflecting the views of all represented parties and acting in a transparent, consistent, and fair manner and when appointing new members.

5. RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:

None

6. SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT AND EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS:

None

7. SAFEGUARDING AND CORPORATE PARENTING IMPLICATIONS:

None.

8. BACKGROUND PAPERS:

None

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