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Report Number **A/23/10**

**To:** Council  
**Date:** 21 June 2023  
**Status:** Non- Executive Decision  
**Chief Executive:** Susan Priest

**SUBJECT: COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP CHANGES**

**SUMMARY:** Under the Folkestone and Hythe District Council Constitution, Part 8.1 'Delegation to Officers', paragraph 3.18, the Head of Paid Service is authorised to make appointments to committees or sub-committees at the request of the relevant political group leader. This report sets out the appointments made, under these powers, on the instruction of the Leader of the Green Group.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

1. To receive and note report A/23/10.
2. To approve the appointment of Councillor Wimble to the vacant seat on the Audit and Governance Committee.
3. To appoint a Vice-Chair of the Audit and Governance Committee for the municipal year 2023/24.

## 1 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 Under the Folkestone and Hythe District Council Constitution, Part 8.1 'Delegation to Officers', paragraph 3.18, the Head of Paid Service is authorised to make appointments to committees or sub-committees, at the request of the relevant political group leader, subject to the conditions that (a) the appointed member shall be a replacement for a committee or sub-committee member from the same political group, or the appointee is to fill a vacant seat on the committee/sub-committee allocated to the political group of which he/she is a member and (b) the changes shall be reported to the next available meeting of the Council. This delegation is only exercisable in respect of councillors who are members of a political group.
- 1.2 This report sets out the appointments made, with effect from 1 June 2023. It also seeks approval for the appointment of Cllr Wimble to the Audit and Governance Committee, which could not be made using the Head of Paid Services delegated authority, due to the Member not being part of a political group.

## 2. APPOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEES/SUB-COMMITTEES

- 2.1 The following changes to membership of committees/sub-committees have been made:

<b>Committee/ Sub-Committee</b>	<b>Previous Committee Member</b>	<b>New Committee Member</b>
Audit and Governance	Cllr P Blakemore	Cllr J Butcher
Overview and Scrutiny Committee	Cllr P Blakemore	Cllr J Butcher
Planning and Licensing Committee	Cllr Butcher	Cllr Speakman
Planning and Licensing Committee	Cllr Wing	Cllr M Blakemore

- 2.2 In addition, Councillor Wimble has indicated that he would like to take up the vacant seat on the Audit and Governance Committee, which was available to him as an independent member. This appointment could not be made using the Head of Paid Services delegated authority, as Councillor Wimble is not a member of a political group. It will therefore take effect, provided the Council approves the appointment, at the meeting of Council on 21 June 2023.

## 3. APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIR OF THE AUDIT AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

- 3.1 At the annual meeting of the Council held on 24 May 2023, Councillor P Blakemore was appointed as the Vice-Chair of the Audit and Governance Committee. As Cllr P Blakemore is no longer a member of the Audit and Governance Committee, a new Vice-Chair will need to be appointed.

### **3 LEGAL, FINANCIAL AND OTHER CONTROLS/POLICY MATTERS**

#### **3.1 Legal Officer's comments (AK)**

There are no legal issues arising from this report.

#### **3.2 Finance Officer's comments (CS)**

There are no financial implications arising from this report.

#### **3.3 Diversity and Equalities Implications (AK)**

There are no diversity and equality implications arising from this report.

### **4 CONTACT OFFICERS AND BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS**

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The following background documents have been relied upon in the preparation of this report: None