

## Council Issues

### 1. Changes to Membership of Committees

#### **Recommendation:**

That Council notes the following changes made by officers under delegated powers in accordance with notification given by the Leader of the Conservative Group:

- Councillor Mark Durham replaces Dr Richard Moore as a member of the Development and Regulation Committee.
- Councillor Ron Pratt is appointed as a member of the People and Families Policy and Scrutiny Committee.
- Councillor June Lumley is appointed as a member of the Health Overview Policy and Scrutiny Committee.

### 2. Membership of the Investment Steering Committee

The Council is required by law to allocate seats on committees to registered political groups. It must then accept nominations made by those political groups to go on the body.

The Non-Aligned group has been allocated one seat on the Investment Steering Committee of the Essex Pension Fund. The Leader of the Non-Aligned Group, Cllr Chris Pond, has notified the Council that his group does not intend to make a nomination to this Committee owing to the other commitments of the members of the group.

Membership of the Investment Steering Committee carries automatic membership of the Essex Pension Fund Strategy Board.

Regulation 15 of the Local Government (Committees and Political Groups) Regulations 1990, states that if a group fails to make a nomination to a committee seat which has been allocated to it then the Council may make such allocation as it thinks fit.

This seat may therefore be allocated to any member of the County Council.

#### **Recommendation:**

That the Council appoints a member of the Council to the vacant seat on the Investment Steering Committee allocated to, but not filled by, the Non-Aligned Group.