

Subject: Changes to Membership of Committees

Report to: London Assembly (Extraordinary Plenary)

Report of: Executive Director of Secretariat

Date: 16 September 2015

This report will be considered in public

1. Summary

- 1.1 The Assembly is asked to approve changes to the membership of the Police and Crime Committee and Transport Committee.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 **That, further to nominations received from the GLA Conservatives Group, Kemi Badenoch AM be appointed as a member of the Police and Crime Committee and Transport Committee; and**
- 2.2 **That Kemi Badenoch AM be appointed as a substitute member of all other London Assembly Committees, Sub-Committees and Panels.**

3. Background

- 3.1 At its Annual Meeting on 13 May 2015, the London Assembly established and appointed Members to its committees.
- 3.2 Victoria Borwick AM MP has now formally given notice of her intention to resign as an Assembly Member at the close of the 16 September 2015 London Assembly (Mayor's Question Time) meeting and, following that, it is anticipated that Kemi Badenoch will be declared an Assembly Member, filling that vacancy. Further to that change, the GLA Conservatives Group has notified the Secretariat of changes to the membership of the Police and Crime Committee and Transport Committee.

4. Issues for Consideration

- 4.1 The Assembly is recommended to appoint Kemi Badenoch AM as a member of the Police and Crime Committee and Transport Committee.

- 4.2 The Assembly is also recommended to appoint Kemi Badenoch AM as a substitute member of all other London Assembly Committees, Sub-Committees and Panels.

5. Legal Implications

- 5.1 Section 54(1) GLA Act 1999 (as amended) ("GLA Act") enables the Assembly to arrange for any of its functions to be discharged by a committee or sub-committee of the Assembly or by a single member of the Assembly. Committees, sub-committees and advisory committees are appointed under s55 GLA Act.
- 5.2 The Assembly agreed its committee structure for the current year at its Annual Meeting on 14 May 2014 and appointed Members to the bodies established at that meeting..
- 5.3 Standing Order 8.1(vacancy) states that "If a casual vacancy arises [in the membership of a committee] the Assembly (only) shall approve arrangements for filling the vacancy at its next meeting." Standing Order 8.6 states that the Assembly must agree (and may subsequently vary) a standing list of names Substitute Members for each committee.
- 5.4 In accordance with Section 16 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989, the Assembly must appoint Members to committees in accordance with the wishes of the party Group to which the relevant seats have been allocated and must act in accordance with the wishes of that Group in determining whether and when to terminate those appointments.

6. Financial Implications

- 6.1 There are no direct financial implications arising from this report.

List of appendices to this report:

None

Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985
List of Background Papers: None
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