

COUNCIL REPRESENTATION ON THE ASSET DELIVERY PROGRAMME PARTNERSHIP PANEL

1 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To appoint 7 elected Members to the Partnership Panel for the remainder of the 2021/22 municipal year following a change in the composition of the Council.

2 INTRODUCTION

- 2.1 The Partnership Panel was set up by Council resolution on 8 September 2020 on a pro rata basis as set out below:

The membership of the Partnership Panel shall comprise the Council's SRO, the Programme Director and such elected Members as the Council may nominate to a maximum of seven on a pro rata basis.

- 2.2 The Council is invited to agree the allocation of seats to the Partnership Panel following a change in political composition.

- 2.3 The pro rata position as of 7 December 2021 is as follows:-

No. of Seats	Conservative (69.2308%)	Rochford District Residents (15.3846%)	Independent (5.1282%)	Liberal Democrat (5.1282%)	Non-Group / Vacancy (5.1282%)
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- 2.4 The current membership of the Partnership Panel is:

Cllrs R R Dray, D S Efde, A H Eves, Mrs J R Lumley, D J Sperring, C M Stanley and M J Steptoe.

3 TERMS OF REFERENCE

- 3.1 The terms of reference of the Partnership Panel is to provide a forum for communication and engagement between the Partnership Board and elected Members of the Council in relation to the delivery of the Asset Delivery Programme.

4 RISK IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 Failure to nominate to the Partnership Panel will result in the Council not having an opportunity for Members to be engaged in the operational detail of the Asset Delivery Programme.

5 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 There are no resource implications directly arising from this report.

6 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 Part 1, Section 15 (5) of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989, which is entitled *Political balance on committees etc*, states that it is the duty of the local authority to adhere to the following principles:

- (a) *That not all the seats on the body are allocated to the same political group;*
- (b) *that the majority of seats on the body is allocated to a particular political group if the number of persons belonging to that group is a majority of the authority's membership;*
- (c) *subject to paragraphs (a) and (b) above, that the number of seats on the ordinary committees of a relevant authority which are allocated to each political group bears the same proportion to the total of all the seats on the ordinary committees of that authority as is borne by the number of members of that group to the membership of the authority; and*
- (d) *subject to paragraphs (a) to (c) above, that the number of the seats on the body which are allocated to each political group bears the same proportion to the number of all the seats on that body as is borne by the number of members of that group to the membership of the authority.*

- 6.2 As stated in paragraph 2.1 above, Council determined on 8 September 2020 that the membership of the Panel should be determined in accordance with pro rata rules.

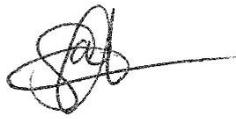
7 EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 An Equality Impact Assessment has been completed and found there to be no impacts (either positive or negative) on protected groups, as defined under the Equality Act 2010.

8 RECOMMENDATION

- 8.1 It is proposed that Council **RESOLVES**

To appoint seven Members to the Partnership Panel.



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Background Papers:-

None.

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