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**Subject:** Appointment of WYCA Chair

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## **1 Purpose**

- 1.1 Further to a vacancy in the office having arisen, to appoint a Chair of WYCA and review committee membership and committee chairing arrangements.

## **2 Information**

- 2.1 The WYCA Order 2014 requires WYCA to appoint a Chair and Vice Chair each municipal year from among WYCA Members. Accordingly, at WYCA's annual meeting in June, WYCA resolved to appoint a WYCA Chair and Vice Chair for the municipal year 2017/18.

Due to his recent appointment as Chair of the Key Cities Group, the Chair wrote to WYCA's Managing Director on 19 July 2017 to tender his resignation from the office of WYCA Chair to facilitate the vacancy being filled at this meeting in compliance with statutory timescales.

WYCA now therefore needs to appoint a new WYCA Chair.

Changes to committee membership and/or chairing arrangements for WYCA committees may also be considered, further to the appointment of the new Chair.

## **3 Financial Implications**

- 3.1 None – no allowances attach to any position held by a WYCA Member.

## **4 Legal Implications**

- 4.1 The WYCA Order 2014 requires WYCA to appoint a Chair and Vice Chair from among WYCA Members. Making the proposed appointment at this meeting complies with the statutory timescales as set out in the WYCA Order 2014, to appoint a new Chair at the next ordinary WYCA meeting after a vacancy arises.
- 4.2 Political balance requirements under S15 Local Government and Housing Act 1989 apply to the appointment of WYCA Members to WYCA ordinary committees, unless those requirements are waived in accordance with S17 of the 1989 Act.

## **5 Staffing Implications**

- 5.1 None.

## **6 External Consultees**

- 6.1 No external consultation is required.

## **7 Recommendations**

- 7.1 WYCA are asked to:
  - 7.1.1 appoint a WYCA Chair for the remainder of the municipal year 2017/18; and
  - 7.1.2 review committee membership further to the appointment of the WYCA Chair, resolving to make any appointments in accordance with S17 Local Government and Housing Act 1989 where necessary;
  - 7.1.3 review committee chairing arrangements, further to any changes in committee membership.

## **8 Background Documents**

- 8.1 None.