

**REPORT TO:** CABINET

**DATE:** 14 SEPTEMBER 2017

**TITLE:** CHANGES TO THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE HARLOW LOCAL HIGHWAYS PANEL

**PORTFOLIO HOLDER:** COUNCILLOR JON CLEMPNER, LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

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**This is not a Key Decision**

**This decision is not subject to Call-in procedures for the following reason:**

It is a decision on a procedural, operational or managerial matter.

**This decision will affect no ward specifically.**

**RECOMMENDED that:**

- A** Councillors Karen Clempner and Mike Danvers are appointed to the Harlow Local Highways Panel in place of Councillors David Carter and Tony Hall.

**REASON FOR DECISION**

- A** The Council has been informed by the County Council of a change in the political balance of the Harlow Local Highways Panel to four Conservatives and four Labour councillors.

**BACKGROUND**

1. The Harlow Local Highways Panel (Highways Panel) is a partnership body between the Council and the County Council, which makes recommendations to the County Council regarding relevant highways programmes throughout Harlow. Its membership is comprised of four councillors from the Council and four from the County Council. The four county councillors are those who represent the three Harlow wards.
2. Prior to the County Council elections in May 2017, the political balance of the Highways Panel was four Conservatives and four Labour councillors. Following the elections, the County Council advised the Council that the

Highways Panel's political balance would have to reflect the County Council's overall political balance. This meant that the Highways Panel would have six Conservatives and two Labour councillors. All four county councillors representing Harlow are Conservatives. Therefore the Council was asked to appoint two Conservatives and two Labour councillors.

3. At Cabinet on 22 June 2017, Councillors David Carter and Tony Hall (both Conservatives), Tony Durcan and Danny Purton (both Labour) were appointed to the Highways Panel.

## **ISSUES/PROPOSALS**

4. Following this meeting, and after discussions between the Leader and the Chair of the Highways Panel, the County Council Cabinet member for Highways has agreed that the Highways Panel can revert back to a political balance of four Conservatives and four Labour councillors.
5. Councillors Karen Clempner and Mike Danvers have been nominated as the Labour councillors to replace Councillors David Carter and Tony Hall.

## **IMPLICATIONS**

### **Place (includes Sustainability)**

None specific.

Author: **Graeme Bloomer, Head of Place**

### **Finance (Includes ICT)**

None specific.

Author: **Simon Freeman, Head of Finance**

### **Housing**

None specific.

Author: **Andrew Murray, Head of Housing**

### **Community Wellbeing (includes Equalities and Social Inclusion)**

None specific.

Author: **Jane Greer, Head of Community Wellbeing**

### **Governance (includes HR)**

None specific.

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**Background Papers**

None.

**Glossary of terms/abbreviations used**

None.