

## **SCHEME FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF STANDING DEPUTIES**

### **1. Introduction**

The Scheme for Standing Deputies applies to the Development Management Committee, Licensing, Audit and General Purposes Committee, Overview and Scrutiny Committee and the Policy and Project Advisory Board. It allows for the attendance of a standing deputy where a regularly appointed Member cannot be present

### **2. Scheme**

The arrangements for the Scheme for Standing Deputies are as follows:

- (1) Each political group, which is allocated seats on the Development Management Committee, Licensing, Audit and General Purposes Committee, Overview and Scrutiny Committee and Policy and Project Advisory Board may nominate one standing deputy to attend the Committee on occasions when an appointed Member cannot be present. The appointment of standing deputies will usually take place at the Annual Meeting of the Council when the committee membership is decided.
- (2) Members appointed as standing deputies are in the same position in terms of responsibilities and duties as any other member of the committee, for example, in relation to the declaration of any interests they might have, and will be able to exercise full voting rights.
- (3) Standing deputies may attend meetings in that capacity only where the ordinary councillor will be absent for the whole of the meeting and must declare at the beginning of the meeting which councillor they are substituting for.
- (4) If a standing deputy is present at a meeting at which the Member whom he or she is replacing turns up during the course of proceedings, the original member should be required to withdraw from participation at the meeting.
- (5) A standing deputy shall be advised of a Member's absence either directly by the Member who is unable to attend, or by the Committee Administrator on notification of an advance apology by 5pm on the day of the meeting at the latest.

**APPENDIX 1**

- (6) The names of those councillors appointed as standing deputies shall be published on agendas alongside the ordinary committee membership.