

**Minutes of the Environment and Sustainability Committee
23 August 2021**

Present:

Councillor I.J. Beardsmore (Chairman)
Councillor O. Rybinski (Vice-Chairman)

Councillors:

J.T.F. Doran	T. Lagden	J.R. Sexton
T. Fidler	V.J. Leighton	
N. Islam	S.C. Mooney	

Substitutions: Councillors R.D. Dunn (In place of K.M. Grant)

Apologies: Councillors M. Gibson and V. Siva

In Attendance: Councillors S.M. Doran, C. Bateson, M. Beecher and M.M. Attewell

311 Disclosures of Interest

There were none.

312 Update to Membership of Local Plan Task Group

The Committee considered a report proposing that, at the request of Cllr Siva, her Independent Labour seat on the Local Plan Task Group was relinquished in favour of Cllr Beecher, a Green Party councillor, who also represented Staines Ward.

The Committee had agreed at their meeting on 30 June 2021 that the Local Plan Task Group would comprise of 16 members politically proportioned: the Chair and Vice Chair of the Environment and Sustainability Committee, the Chair of Planning Committee and one member of each ward. The Committee was advised that the proposed change didn't meet political proportionality but would allow a member who was not a member of a political group to take up the seat.

The change was mutually agreeable to both parties and did not make a significant difference to the political proportionality.

The Committee agreed to:

1. Approve the revised membership of the Local Plan Task Group; and
2. Acknowledge that this revision does not fulfil the political proportionality requirements of the task group as previously agreed by this committee but allows a Councillor not within a political group to be part of this task group.