

# Environment and Sustainability Committee



23 August 2021

<b>Title</b>	Update to membership of Local Plan Task Group
<b>Purpose of the report</b>	To make a decision
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<b>Ward(s) Affected</b>	All Wards
<b>Exempt</b>	No
<b>Exemption Reason</b>	N/A
<b>Corporate Priority</b>	This item is not in the current list of Corporate Priorities but still requires a Committee decision
<b>Recommendations</b>	<b>Committee is asked to:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Approve the revised membership of the Local Plan Task Group; and</li><li>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.</li></ol>
<b>Reason for Recommendation</b>	To reflect the actions and wishes expressed by Councillors on the composition of the task group.

## 1. Key issues

- 1.1 I was notified that Cllr V Siva, the Staines Ward representative on this task group, had taken the decision that she would relinquish her seat in favour of Cllr M Beecher the independent Green Party Councillor for Staines Ward.
- 1.2 Membership of the task group was decided under delegation from the 30 June 2021 Committee. It was agreed at that committee meeting that representation on the task group would be politically proportionate.
- 1.3 With Cllr Beecher taking the seat on the task group this would no longer be politically proportionate. There is no legal requirement for this task group to be politically proportionate it was a requirement of the committee, which the committee can agree to disapply.

**2. Options analysis and proposal**

- 2.1 The committee can agree to amend the membership of this task group and disapply the political proportionality requirement or if not agreed, the membership would remain as at present.

**3. Financial implications**

- 3.1 There are none

**4. Other considerations**

- 4.1 There are none

**5. Equality and Diversity**

- 5.1 There are no direct or indirect impacts.

**6. Sustainability/Climate Change Implications**

- 6.1 There are no direct or indirect impacts.

**7. Timetable for implementation**

- 7.1 This change would take effect after the committee decision.

**Background papers: There are none.**

**Appendices: There are none.**