APPOINTMENT OF ALTERNATIVE TRANSPORT COUNCILLOR CHAMPION

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Wards affected: (All Wards);

Appendices (attached): None

Summary

This report requests the Council's approval for the appointment of Councillor Alan Williamson as the Alternative Transport Champion for the remainder of the 2025-26 Municipal Year, in accordance with Annex 2.1 of the Operating Framework.

Recommendation (s)

The Council is asked to:

(1) Approve the appointment of Councillor Alan Williamson as the Alternative Transport Champion for the remainder of the 2025-26 Municipal Year.

1 Reason for Recommendation

1.1 Annex 2.1 of the Council's Operating Framework requires that in-year changes to the appointment of a councillor champion are made by Full Council.

2 Background

- 2.1 Appointment of councillor champions is made at the Annual Meeting of Council in May each year. In-year changes to appointments are subsequently to be made by Full Council after consultation with the Chair of the Majority Group and Chair of the relevant policy committee. This process is set out in Annex 2.1 if the Council's Operating Framework.
- 2.2 Councillor Liz Frost was appointed as the Alternative Transport councillor champion and as the Chair of the Environment Committee at the meeting of the Council on 13 May 2025.

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- 2.3 Following consultation with the Chair of the Majority Group and Chair of the Environment Committee, it is proposed that Councillor Alan Williamson be appointed as the Council's Alternative Transport councillor champion for the remainder of the 2025-26 Municipal Year, in place of Councillor Liz Frost.
- 2.4 This change has been requested as it has been identified that under paragraph 8.4.1 of Annex 2.1 of the Operating Framework, a councillor champion cannot also hold the role of a committee Chair.

3 Risk Assessment

Legal or other duties

- 3.1 Equality Impact Assessment
 - 3.1.1 None.
- 3.2 Crime & Disorder
 - 3.2.1 None.
- 3.3 Safeguarding
 - 3.3.1 None.
- 3.4 Dependencies
 - 3.4.1 None.
- 3.5 Other
 - 3.5.1 None.

4 Financial Implications

4.1 **Section 151 Officer's comments**: None arising from the contents of this report.

5 Legal Implications

5.1 **Legal Officer's comments**: None arising from the contents of this report

6 Policies, Plans & Partnerships

- 6.1 **Council's Key Priorities**: The following Key Priorities are engaged:
 - Effective Council
- 6.2 **Service Plans**: The matter is included within the current Service Delivery Plan.

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- 6.3 Climate & Environmental Impact of recommendations: None.
- 6.4 Sustainability Policy & Community Safety Implications: None.
- 6.5 **Partnerships**: None.
- 6.6 **Local Government Reorganisation Implications**: The Council works in a number of different ways with a number of outside bodies, who undertake a wide range of activities for the benefit of the Borough and its residents and businesses. Active and engaged representatives appointed by the Council can help to build and sustain good relationships, and further that good work.

7 Background papers

7.1 The documents referred to in compiling this report are as follows:

Previous reports:

 Representation on External Bodies, report and Minutes of Full Council, 13 May 2025

Other papers:

• Annex 2.1 of the Operating Framework