

## RIBBLE VALLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL REPORT TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

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meeting date: THURSDAY 25 JANUARY 2024  
 title: MEMBERSHIP OF WORKING GROUPS  
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### 1 PURPOSE

1.1 For Committee to consider the membership of the Working Group under the remit of this Committee for the remainder of the municipal year 2023/2024.

1.2 Relevance to the Council's objectives and priorities –

- Community Objectives – to be a well-managed council providing effective services.
- Corporate Priorities - to protect and enhance the existing environmental quality of our area; to help make people's lives healthier and safer.
- Other Considerations – to work in partnership with other bodies in pursuit of the Council's aims and objectives.

### 2 BACKGROUND

2.1 Committee approved the appointment of Members to the Climate Change Working Group for 2023/24 on 15 June 2023. Committee then agreed to amend the membership and add two further Members on 28 September 2023.

2.2 Based on the then political balance the allocations consisted of three Conservatives, one Liberal Democrat, one Labour, one Independent Group, and one Green Party Member, with the membership as follows:

Councillors S Atkinson, L Edge, J Alcock, S Fletcher, A Wilkins-Odudu, D Birtwhistle, G McCrum.

### 3 ISSUES

3.1 Following political group changes, the revised membership of the Economic Development Committee based on the new political balance was confirmed at the meeting of the Full Council 12 December 2023 as follows:

CONSERVATIVE (7)	LIBERAL DEMOCRAT (2)	LABOUR (3)	PROGRESSIVE LIBERAL GROUP (1)	INDEPENDENT GROUP (1)	GREEN (1)	INDEPENDENT (0)
Jan Alcock	Gaynor Hibbert	Rachael Ray	Stewart Fletcher	David Birtwhistle (C)	Gaye McCrum	
Stephen Atkinson (VC)	Jonathan Hill	Michael Graveston				
Sophie Cowman		Aaron Wilkins- Odudu				
Louise Edge						
Rosie Elms						
Stuart Hirst						
Robin Walsh						

3.2 There is no longer a Liberal Democrat representative on the Working Group therefore Committee are asked to consider the allocation and confirm the membership.

#### 4 RISK ASSESSMENT

4.1 The approval of this report may have the following implications: -

- Resources – the costs associated with working groups are included in the budget for 2023/24.
- Technical, Environment and Legal – none.
- Political – none.
- Reputation – none.

#### 5 RECOMMENDED THAT COMMITTEE:

5.1 Consider and agree the membership of the Climate Change Working Group for 2023/24 under the remit of this Committee.

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#### BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 1 Agenda and Minutes of Economic Development Committee 15 June 2023
- 2 Agenda and Minutes of Economic Development Committee 28 September 2023
- 3 Agenda and Minutes of Full Council 12 December 2023

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