

**North East Derbyshire District Council**

**Annual Council**

**26 April 2021**

**APPOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEES AND ADVISORY GROUPS**

**Report of the Monitoring Officer and Solicitor to the Council**

Classification: This report is public

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**PURPOSE / SUMMARY**

- To appoint Elected Members to the Council's Committees and Advisory Groups for the 2022/22 Municipal Year.
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**RECOMMENDATIONS**

1. That the Council's Committees, along with their terms of reference, as set out in the Revised Constitution presented to this meeting, be established for the 2021/22 municipal year in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 1.1(k);
2. That the size of the Committees as set out within the Appendices to the report be agreed for the 2021/22 municipal year in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 1.1(k);
3. That the Council notes its previous agreement of the allocation of seats of Committees as made in November 2020 and its accordance with the political balance rules (as set out in Appendix 1) and accepts this as a provisional allocation on the proviso that a new allocation will be agreed in accordance with the outcome of the By-Election on 6<sup>th</sup> May 2021 (as set out in Appendix 2);
4. That the appointment to Committees as set out in Appendix 2 and verbally updated in the meeting be agreed; and

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Approved by the Leader of the Council

## IMPLICATIONS

**Finance and Risk:** Yes  No

**Details:**

On Behalf of the Section 151 Officer

**Legal (including Data Protection):** Yes  No

**Details:**

The Council is required to appoint at least one Scrutiny Committee and other such committees as the Council considers appropriate to deal with matter which are neither reserved to the Council Meeting nor are Executive Functions; decide the size and terms of reference for those committees; and decide the allocation of seats to political groups in accordance with the Political Balance rules.

On Behalf of the Solicitor to the Council

**Staffing:** Yes  No

**Details:**

On behalf of the Head of Paid Service

## DECISION INFORMATION

Decision Information	
<b>Is the decision a Key Decision?</b> A Key Decision is an executive decision which has a significant impact on two or more District wards or which results in income or expenditure to the Council above the following thresholds: <b>BDC:</b> Revenue - £75,000 <input type="checkbox"/> Capital - £150,000 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>NEDDC:</b> Revenue - £100,000 <input type="checkbox"/> Capital - £250,000 <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Please indicate which threshold applies	No
<b>Is the decision subject to Call-In?</b> (Only Key Decisions are subject to Call-In)	No
<b>District Wards Significantly Affected</b>	All
<b>Consultation:</b> Leader / Deputy Leader <input type="checkbox"/> Cabinet / Executive <input type="checkbox"/> SAMT <input type="checkbox"/> Relevant Service Manager <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Members <input type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes  Details: Group Leaders

**Links to Council Ambition (BDC)/Council Plan (NED) priorities or Policy Framework including Climate Change, Equalities, and Economics and Health implications.**

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## REPORT DETAILS

### 1 Background

- 1.1 In line with the provisions within the Council's constitution, the Annual Meeting of Council is required to:
- Appoint at least one Scrutiny Committee and other such committees as the Council considers appropriate to deal with matter which are neither reserved to the Council Meeting nor are Executive Functions;
  - Decide the size and terms of reference for those committees;
  - Decide the allocation of seats to political groups in accordance with the Political Balance rules.
- 1.2 The terms of reference for each Committee has been presented to the meeting as part of the Review of the Constitution.
- 1.3 The political balance was agreed at the meeting of Council on 16<sup>th</sup> November 2020. In light of the forthcoming by-election, it is suggested that no changes are considered to the number of seats allocated to groups until the next meeting of Council. Details of that decision are set out in Appendix 1.

### 2. Details of Proposal or Information

- 2.1 The size of each Committee is set out in **Appendix 1** to the report.
- 2.2 Political Groups are requested to nominate Members to serve on Committees and Advisory Groups (as set out in **Appendix 2**) with effect from 26 April 2021 for the 2021/22 Council year, understanding that amendments will be forthcoming at the following meeting when the outcome of the by-election is known.
- 2.3 The Committees are subject to the political balance requirements of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989. The Advisory Groups are not subject to the political balance requirements.

### 3 Reasons for Recommendation

- 3.1 The report recommends that the allocation of Committee seats detailed best meets the requirements of Section 15 of the Local Government and Housing Act a far as reasonable practicable.

3.2 Nominations received in advance of the meeting from Political Groups are detailed in **Appendix 2**.

#### **4 Alternative Options and Reasons for Rejection**

4.1 The Council may make amendments to the nominations to committees within the proportionality agreed before and up to the discussion of this matter at the Annual Meeting.

4.2 The Council is required by the provisions within its constitution to establish and appoint to committees at the annual meeting.

#### **DOCUMENT INFORMATION**

<b>Appendix No</b>	<b>Title</b>
1	Proportionality on Committees (as agreed at the November meeting of Council)
2	Appointments to Committee (as received at the date of publication)
<b>Background Papers</b> (These are unpublished works which have been relied on to a material extent when preparing the report. They must be listed in the section below. If the report is going to Cabinet (NEDDC) or Executive (BDC) you must provide copies of the background papers)	
None	