

**North East Derbyshire District Council**

**Council**

**12 July 2021**

**Appointments to Committees and Advisory Groups**

**Report of the Monitoring Officer**

**Classification:** This report is public

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**PURPOSE / SUMMARY**

- To make amendments to the appointment of Members to the Council's Committees and Advisory Groups for the 2021/22 Municipal Year following a change to the Council's political groups affecting proportionality (by-election).
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**RECOMMENDATIONS**

1. That the Council agrees the allocation of seats of Committees as detailed in Appendix 1 is in accordance with the political balance rules following the outcome of the By-Election on 6<sup>th</sup> May 2021;
2. That the appointment to Committees be agreed as set out in Appendix 2 and verbally updated in the meeting.

Approved by the Leader of the Council

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**IMPLICATIONS**

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**Finance and Risk:** Yes  No

**Details:**

On Behalf of the Section 151 Officer

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

**Details:**

The Council is required to decide the allocation of seats to political groups in accordance with the Political Balance requirements of section 15 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989.

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:
- Decide the allocation of seats to political groups in accordance with the Political Balance rules.
- 1.2 The Annual Council meeting for 2021 was brought forward to enable virtual attendance during the coronavirus pandemic and was held in advance of the May 2021 by-elections. Three district council seats were being contested.
- 1.3 The political balance was agreed at the meeting of Council on 16<sup>th</sup> November 2020 and reaffirmed at the Annual Meeting on 26<sup>th</sup> April 2021, with the caveat that this was reviewed at the next available Council meeting after the by-election.

### 2. Details of Proposal or Information

- 2.1 Political Groups are requested to nominate Members to serve on Committees and Advisory Groups (as set out in **Appendix 2**) with effect from 12 July 2021 for the 2021/22 Council year.
- 2.2 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 as set out in **Appendix 1** 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 meeting.

## DOCUMENT INFORMATION

Appendix No	Title
1	Proportionality on Committees (following the by-election) - <b>TO FOLLOW</b>
2	Appointments to Committee (as received at the date of publication) <b>TO FOLLOW</b>
<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	