

North East Derbyshire District Council

Council

4th October 2021

**Proportionality and Appointments to Committees, Advisory Groups and
Outside Bodies**

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, Advisory Groups and Outside Bodies 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 9th September 2021;
2. That the appointment to Committees be agreed as set out in Appendix 2 and verbally updated in the meeting.
3. That the appointment to Outside Bodies be amended as set out in Appendix 3 and verbally updated in the meeting.

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 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	
Is the decision a Key Decision? 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: BDC: Revenue - £75,000 <input type="checkbox"/> Capital - £150,000 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NEDDC: Revenue - £100,000 <input type="checkbox"/> Capital - £250,000 <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Please indicate which threshold applies	No
Is the decision subject to Call-In? (Only Key Decisions are subject to Call-In)	No
District Wards Significantly Affected	All
Consultation: 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.	
Good Governance	

REPORT DETAILS

1 Background

- 1.1 In line with the provisions within the Council's constitution, the Council is required to:
- Decide the allocation of seats to political groups in accordance with the Political Balance rules;
 - Receive nominations of councillors to serve on each committee and outside body and make the associated appointments.
- 1.2 The political balance was last agreed at the meeting of Council on 12th July 2021 following a by-election. A further by-election took place on 9th September 2021 and two new Councillors were duly elected to serve the District Council. The political balance of the authority has subsequently changed, and it is a duty of the Proper Officer to report this change to Council.

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 4th October 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**. Any further changes may be reported by Group Leaders verbally during the meeting.

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)
2	Appointments to Committee (as received at the date of publication)
3	Appointments to Outside Bodies
Background Papers (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	