

North East Derbyshire District Council

Annual Council

23 May 2022

APPOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEES & ADVISORY GROUPS

Report of the Assistant Director of Governance and Monitoring Officer

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 2022/23 Municipal Year

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the Council's Committees, along with their terms of reference, as set out in the Revised Constitution agreed at the Council meeting on 25 April 2022, be established for the 2022/23 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 the existing allocation of seats of Committees (as set out in Appendix 1) and accepts this as a provisional allocation on the proviso that a new allocation will be agreed following the outcome of the Pilsley & Morton Ward By-Election;
4. That the appointment to Committees as set out in Appendix 2 and verbally updated in the meeting be agreed.

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	
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: NEDDC: Revenue - £100,000 <input type="checkbox"/> Capital - £250,000 <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>Please indicate which threshold applies</i>	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 <input type="checkbox"/> SMT <input type="checkbox"/> Relevant Service Manager <input type="checkbox"/> Members <input type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes Details: Group Leaders

Links to Council Plan priorities, including Climate Change, Equalities, and Economics and Health implications.
Good Governance

REPORT DETAILS

1 **Background** *(reasons for bringing the report)*

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 16th 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 23 May 2022 for the 2022/23 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 as 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

Appendix No	Title
1	Current proportionality on Committees
2	Appointments to Committee (as received at the date of publication)
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 you must provide copies of the background papers)	