

**North East Derbyshire District Council**

**Annual Council**

**20 May 2019**

**Appointment to Committees and Advisory Groups**

**Report of the Chief Executive Officer**

This report is public

**Purpose of the Report**

- To establish and appoint Members to the Council's Committees and Advisory Groups for the 2019/20 municipal year.

**1 Report Details**

- 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 size of each Committee is set out in **Appendix 2** to the report.
- 1.4 **Appendix 1** to the report sets out the allocation of committee seats which best meets the requirements of Section 15 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 as far as is reasonably practicable.
- 1.5 Political Groups are requested to nominate Members to serve on Committees and Advisory Groups (as set out in **Appendix 2**) with effect from 20 May 2019 for the 2019/20 Council year.
- 1.6 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.

## **2 Conclusions and Reasons for Recommendation**

- 2.1 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.
- 2.2 Nominations have been received in advance of the meeting from all Political Groups and are detailed in **Appendix 2**.

## **3 Consultation and Equality Impact**

- 3.1 Group Leaders have been consulted on the allocation of seats and nominations put forward.
- 3.2 An Equality Impact Assessment has not been necessary.

## **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. Mid-year revisions will be brought before a meeting of Council.
- 4.2 The Council is required by the provisions within its constitution to establish and appoint to committees at the annual meeting.

## **5 Implications**

### **5.1 Finance and Risk Implications**

- 5.1.1 None

### **5.2 Legal Implications including Data Protection**

- 5.2.1 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;
  - Decide the allocation of seats to political groups in accordance with the Political Balance rules

### **5.3 Human Resources Implications**

- 5.3.1 None.

## 6 Recommendations

- 6.1 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 2019/20 municipal year in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 1.1(k);
- 6.2 That the size of the Committees as set out within the Appendices to the report be agreed for the 2019/20 municipal year in accordance with Council procedure Rule 1.1(k);
- 6.3 That the Council agrees the allocation of seats of Committee is in accordance with the political balance rules; and
- 6.4 That the appointment to committees as set out in Appendix 2 be agreed.

## 7 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: <i>BDC: Revenue - £75,000 <input type="checkbox"/></i> <i>Capital - £150,000 <input type="checkbox"/></i> <i>NEDDC: Revenue - £100,000 <input type="checkbox"/></i> <i>Capital - £250,000 <input type="checkbox"/></i> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>Please indicate which threshold applies</i>	No
<b>Is the decision subject to Call-In?</b> (Only Key Decisions are subject to Call-In)	No
<b>Has the relevant Portfolio Holder been informed</b>	N/A
<b>District Wards Affected</b>	None directly
<b>Links to Corporate Plan priorities or Policy Framework</b>	Demonstrating good governance

## 8 Document Information

Appendix No	Title
1	Proportionality on Committees
2	Appointments to Committees

**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

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