

Report of the Assistant Director, Governance and ICT

Appointments to Committees and Outside Bodies

Summary

1. At the Annual Council meeting on 21 May 2015, appointments were made to Committees, outside and partnership bodies together with appointments to Chairs and Vice-Chairs for the 2015/16 municipal year. However, in view of the short period of time between the City of York Council Election on 7 May, the set up of the new Council administration and the publication of the agenda for the Annual Council meeting, nominations to a number of Committees and outside bodies were not made. Since that time, additional nominations have been received together with requests for changes to some existing appointments.

Background

2. The Council makes appointments at its Annual Meeting, to Committees for the coming year. Staffing Matters & Urgency Committee has authority to deal with any changes or appointments to those Committees and bodies within year. The changes and additions now put forward are listed for consideration at Annex A of the report and relate to both Committees and outside bodies for the 2015/16 municipal year.
3. A change has also been requested to the proportionality of two of the Policy and Scrutiny Committees. A request has been made to increase the membership of the Economic Development & Transport Policy & Scrutiny Committee to 8 members (Lab 2, Cons 2, Lib/Dem 2, Green 1 and Ind 1), to provide 1 additional Independent place and reducing the membership of the Health & Adult Social Care Policy & Scrutiny Committee by one to 6 members (Lab 2, Cons 2, Lib/Dem 1 and Green 1), removing the Independent place. Agreement to this change would be subject to formal ratification by Council, in due course

Consultation

4. In accordance with the usual process for gathering nominations to available places, the relevant Groups and individuals have been

consulted, as appropriate, and provided with the necessary information.

Options

5. The Committee has the option either to approve or propose alternatives to the nominations proposed in this report.

Council Plan 2011-15

6. Establishing an appropriate decision making and scrutiny structure and appointees to that, contributes to the Council delivering its core priorities set out in the Council Plan, effectively.

Implications

7. There are no known implications in relation to the following in terms of dealing with the specific matters before Members:
 - Financial
 - Human Resources (HR)
 - Equalities
 - Crime and Disorder
 - Property
 - Other

Legal Implications

8. The Council is statutorily obliged to make appointments to Committees, Advisory Committees, Sub-Committees and certain other prescribed bodies in accordance with the political balance rules.

Risk Management

9. In compliance with the Council's risk management strategy, there are no known risks associated with the recommendations in this report.

Recommendations

10. Staffing Matters and Urgency Committee is asked to:
 - (i) Consider and agree the appointments and nominations listed at Annex A of the report for the 2015/16 municipal year.
 - (ii) Agree the change in proportionality of the Economic Development & Transport Policy & Scrutiny Committee and the

Health & Adult Social Care Policy & Scrutiny Committee, as detailed in paragraph 3 of the report, subject to formal ratification by Council.

Reason: In order to make appropriate appointments to the Council's Committees and Outside Bodies for the current municipal year.

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Specialist Implications Officers

Not applicable

Wards Affected: Not applicable

All



For further information please contact the author of the report

Background Papers

None

Annexes

Annex A – List of additions and amendments to Membership of Committees, Sub-Committees, Boards Working Groups and Outside Bodies 2015/16