

Meeting:	Council
Meeting date:	12 February 2026
Report of:	Bryn Roberts, Director of Governance
Portfolio of:	Councillor Claire Douglas, Leader of the Council

Appointments and Changes to Membership

Subject of Report

1. This report provides an update on appointments and changes to membership following the recent Heworth by-election.

Recommendations

2. Members are asked to:
 - (i) Agree the appointment of Councillor Moroney to the Fostering Panel
 - (ii) Note the group nominations to Committees and other bodies, as well as appointments to the Chair of the Place Scrutiny Committee, as set out in this report to give effect to Group Nominations
 - (iii) Note the appointment of Parish Councillor, Pam Mullen to the Kyle and Upper Ouse Internal Drainage Board

Executive Summary

3. At its Annual General Meeting, Full Council considers the allocation of seats on Committees and other bodies every year and makes appropriate appointments for the coming Municipal Year.
4. The distribution of seats on committees is allocated in accordance with the proportionality principles set out in the Local Government

and Housing Act 1989 and the Local Government (Committees and Political Groups) Regulations 1990.

5. This report provides an update on appointments and changes to membership following the recent Heworth by-election.
 - Appointment of Additional Member to the Fostering Panel – Councillor John Moroney
 - Appointment of Chair of Place Scrutiny Committee – Councillor Danny Myers
 - Appointment of Councillor Anna Perrett, to both the Corporate Scrutiny Committee and the Licensing Committee
 - Councillor Margaret Wells to move from the Corporate Scrutiny Committee to the Place Scrutiny Committee
 - Councillor Anna Baxter to move from the Place Scrutiny Committee to the Planning Committee
 - Councillor Tony Clarke to move from the People Scrutiny Committee to the Place Scrutiny Committee.
 - Appointment of Councillor Danny Myers to the People Scrutiny Committee.
 - Appointment of Parish Councillor, Pam Mullen (representing Skelton Parish Council) to the Kyle and Upper Ouse Internal Drainage Board.

Council Plan and Policy Framework

6. There are no implications for the Council Plan or Policy Framework.

Legal Implications

7. Section 15 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 imposes a duty on the Council to allocate seats on its ordinary and advisory committees to party groups, giving effect, “so far as is reasonably practicable”, to principles set out in the Act.
8. These principles are:
 - a) Not all the seats on the body are allocated to the same political group;

- b) That the majority of the seats on the body is allocated to a particular political group if the number of persons belonging to that group is a majority of the authority's membership;
 - c) Subject to (a) and (b) above, that the number of seats on the ordinary committees of a relevant authority which are allocated to each political group bears the same proportion to the total of all the seats on the ordinary committees as is borne by the number of members of that group to the membership of the authority;
 - d) Subject to (a) to (c) above, that the number of the seats on the body which are allocated to each political group bears the same proportion to the number of all the seats on that body as is borne by the number of members of that group to the membership of the authority.
9. The Council is statutorily obliged to make appointments to committees, advisory committees, sub-committees, and certain other prescribed bodies in accordance with these political balance rules.

Consultation Analysis

10. Not applicable

Options Analysis and Evidential Basis

11. Not applicable

Organisational Impact and Implications

12. Not applicable

Risks and Mitigations

13. Not applicable

Wards Impacted

14. All

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Background papers

No background papers

Annexes

No annexes.