

Full Council

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# Subject: APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES, COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN AND COMMENCEMENT TIMES OF MEETINGS.

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Purpose / Summary:	This report sets out the wishes expressed by political groups in respect of appointment of Members to serve on the Committees of the Council.
	The report further seeks to appoint Chairmen and Vice/Chairmen for the remainder of the 21/22 civic year and determine the normal commencement time for each Committee .

# **RECOMMENDATION(S):**

- (1) That the rules relating to proportionality be suspended in relation to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee; and
- (2) In accordance with the provisions of section 16 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 and the wishes expressed by political groups, Members be appointed to serve to the Council's Committees for the remainder of the civic year as set out within this report;

- 3) The current committee Chairmen, and Vice-Chairmen (shown throughout the report and summarised in table 1) be re-affirmed, and the amended Vice-Chairmanship relating to the Chief Officer Employment Committee be approved; and
- 4) That Council agree the normal commencement time for each of the Committees in accordance with the schedule detailed in table 2 of the report.

#### IMPLICATIONS

#### Legal:

In accordance with the provisions of section 16 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 and the wishes expressed by political groups

#### Financial : FIN/49/22/TJB

Special responsibility allowances for the proposed Chairs and Vice Chairs are met from the Members Allowance budget.

#### Staffing :

None directly arising as a result of this report.

#### Equality and Diversity including Human Rights :

None directly arising as a result of this report.

#### **Data Protection Implications :**

None directly arising as a result of this report.

### **Climate Related Risks and Opportunities:**

None directly arising as a result of this report.

#### Section 17 Crime and Disorder Considerations:

None directly arising as a result of this report.

#### **Health Implications:**

None directly arising as a result of this report.

# Title and Location of any Background Papers used in the preparation of this report :

Notices received from the Group Leaders on the allocation of Committee/ Sub-Committee places – documents available from the Guildhall, Gainsborough (on request).

Risk Assessment : N/A

# Call in and Urgency:

Is the decision one which Rule 14.7 of the Scrutiny Procedure Rules apply?

i.e. is the report exempt from being called in due to urgency (in consultation with C&I chairman)	Yes	No	
Key Decision:			
A matter which affects two or more wards, or has significant financial implications	Yes	No	

#### 1. Introduction

- 1.1 In accordance with the provision of section 16 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989, it is the duty of the Council to make appointments to Committees in accordance with the wishes expressed by political groups following the determination under section 15 (the allocation of seats to political groups).
- 1.2 Section 2 details the wishes expressed by the political groups.

#### 2. Appointment of Committees

#### 2.1 Chief Officer Employment Committee (8 Members)

Councillor Owen Bierley Councillor Jackie Brockway Councillor Mick Devine Councillor Diana Rodgers Councillor Lesley Rollings Councillor Anne Welburn Councillor Angela White Councillor Trevor Young

Chairman Vice-Chairman \*\*

#### 2.2 Corporate Policy and Resources Committee (12 Members)

Councillor Owen Bierley Councillor Matt Boles Councillor Stephen Bunney Councillor Mick Devine Councillor Ian Fleetwood Councillor Paul Howitt-Cowan Councillor Giles McNeill Councillor John McNeill Councillor Mandy Snee Councillor Jeff Summers Councillor Anne Welburn Councillor Trevor Young

Vice-Chairman Chairman

Vice-Chairman

#### 2.3 Governance and Audit Committee (7 Members)

Councillor Jackie Brockway Councillor Stephen Bunney Councillor Tracey Coulson Councillor Chris Darcel Councillor David Dobbie Councillor John McNeill Councillor Anne Welburn

Chairman

#### 2.4 Licensing Committee (12 Members)

Councillor Liz Clews Councillor David Cotton Councillor Tim Davies Councillor Caralyne Grimble Councillor Paul Howitt-Cowan ...... Councillor Angela Lawrence Vice-Chairman Councillor Cordelia McCartney Councillor Jessie Milne Chairman Councillor Jessie Milne Chairman Councillor Peter Morris Councillor Peter Morris Councillor Judy Rainsforth Councillor Jim Snee Councillor Jeff Summers

#### 2.5 Regulatory Committee (12 Members)

Councillor Liz Clews Councillor David Cotton Councillor Tim Davies Councillor Caralyne Grimble Councillor Paul Howitt-Cowan ...... Councillor Angela Lawrence Vice-Chairman Councillor Cordelia McCartney Councillor Jessie Milne Chairman Councillor Jessie Milne Chairman Councillor Peter Morris Councillor Peter Morris Councillor Judy Rainsforth Councillor Jim Snee Councillor Jeff Summers

#### 2.6 Planning Committee (12 Members)

Councillor Matthew Boles	
Councillor David Cotton	
Councillor Mick Devine	
Councillor Jane Ellis	
Councillor Ian Fleetwood	Chairman
Councillor Cherie Hill	
Councillor Cordelia McCartney	
Councillor Jessie Milne	
Councillor Roger Patterson	
Councillor Bob Waller	Vice-Chairman
Councillor Judy Rainsforth	
Councillor Angela White	

# 2.7 **Prosperous Communities Committee (12 Members)**

Councillor Owen Bierley Chairman Councillor Stephen Bunney Councillor Tracey Coulson Vice-Chairman Councillor Chris Darcel Councillor Mick Devine Councillor Steve England Councillor John McNeill Vice-Chairman Councillor Jessie Milne Councillor Jassie Milne Councillor Jim Snee Councillor Tom Regis Councillor Trevor Young

# 3. Suspension of Political Balance

The Council can, by way of a separate vote, agree to not apply the provisions of the Local Government (Committees and Political Groups) Regulations 1990 to a Committee or Committees. Requests have been received that the Overview and Scrutiny Committee be not politically balanced.

The proposed unbalanced Committee Membership is set out below.

# 3.1 **Overview and Scrutiny Committee (11 members)**

Councillor Liz Clews Councillor Tim Davies Councillor David Dobbie Councillor Caralyne Grimble...... Councillor Cherie Hill Councillor Angela Lawrence..... Councillor Keith Panter Councillor Keith Panter Councillor Roger Patterson Councillor Diana Rodgers Councillor Lesley Rollings Councillor Angela White

Should this proposal not be unanimously supported the Committee will have to be balanced. The Chairmanships for this committee will also be amended in the event a balanced committee is agreed

The proposed balanced Committee membership is as set out below: -

## 3.2 **Overview and Scrutiny Committee –balanced (12 members)**

Councillor Tim Davies Councillor David Dobbie Councillor Jane Ellis Councillor Caralyne Grimble Councillor Cherie Hill ..... Councillor Angela Lawrence Councillor Peter Morris Councillor Peter Morris Councillor Keith Panter.... Councillor Roger Patterson Councillor Diana Rodgers Councillor Lesley Rollings Councillor Angela White

## 4. Committee Chairmen and Vice-Chairmenships

- 4.1 Whilst the Council has had the need to re-appoint the Committees in accordance with its duty to make appointments to Committees in accordance with the wishes expressed by political groups following the determination under section 15 (the allocation of seats to political groups), all Group Leaders have indicated they have no wish to amend the Chairmen and Vice-Chairmanship appointments previously made, with the exception of one. This being the Vice-Chairmanship for Chief Officer Employment Committee (COEC).
- 4.2 This report therefore merely seeks the re-affirmation of the majority of these positions and asks Council to approve the change in vice-chairmanship for the COEC from Councillor Owen Bierley to Councillor Mick Devine
- 4.3 The positions and nominations are summarised below for ease.

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Committee	Chairman	Vice-Chairman/men
Chief Officer	Councillor Jackie	Councillor Mick Devine
Employment	Brockway	
Corporate Policy and Resources	Councillor Anne Welburn	Councillor Jeff Summers
Planning	Councillor Ian Fleetwood	Councillor Robert Waller
Governance and Audit	Councillor John McNeill	Councillor Jackie Brockway
Licensing	Councillor Jessie Milne	Councillor Angela Lawrence
Overview and Scrutiny	Councillor Lesley Rollings	Councillor Diana Rodgers Councillor Angela White

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#### Table 1

Regulatory	Councillor Jessie Milne	Councillor Angela Lawrence
Prosperous Communities	Councillor Owen Bierley	Councillor Tracey Coulson Councillor John McNeill
Standards Sub- Committee	Councillor Anne Welburn	David Cotton

# 5 **Commencement Times of Committees**

- 5.1 Council are also responsible annually for determining the normal commencement time for each of the Committees.
- 5.2 The Table below sets out the proposed commencement time for each Committee.

Committee	Chairman
Chief Officer Employment	Meeting to be convened as and when required
Corporate Policy and Resources	6.30pm
Planning	6.30pm
Governance and Audit	2.00pm
Licensing*	6.30pm
Overview and Scrutiny	6.30pm
Regulatory*	6.30pm
Prosperous Communities	6.30pm
Standards Sub-Committee	Meeting to be convened as and when required

#### Table 2

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=Sub Committees for these meetings will be convened as required and will be held at various times during office hours.