
APPOINTMENT TO COMMITTEES 2015/16

Responsible Cabinet Member – Councillor Bill Dixon, Leader

Responsible Director – Catherine Whitehead, Assistant Chief Executive

SUMMARY REPORT

Purpose of the Report

1. To consider the appointment of Members to the Various Committees for the 2015/16 Municipal Year, excluding the General Licensing, Licensing Act 2003 and Planning Applications Committees, the appointments to which were made at the Annual Council meeting held on 21 May 2015; and to request that any consequential changes be made to the Council's Constitution.

Recommendation

2. That:-
 - (a) the appointment of Members to the Various Committees, as detailed in the Appendix to the submitted report, be approved;
 - (b) that the appointment of Members to the General Licensing, Licensing Act 2003 and Planning Applications Committees, and the establishment of a the General Licensing Sub-Committee consisting of five members, to be drawn from the General Licensing Committee, as detailed in the Appendix to the submitted report, be noted;
 - (c) the appointment of the Chairs and Vice Chairs to the Scrutiny Committees and Audit Committee, as detailed in the Appendix to the submitted report, be approved;
 - (d) the reduction in the number of Cabinet Portfolios to seven and the appointment of Cabinet Portfolios, as detailed in the Appendix to the submitted report, be noted; and
 - (e) any consequential amendments to the Constitution, as a result of the establishment of a General Licensing Sub-Committee and reduction in the number of Cabinet Portfolios, be made.

Reasons

3. The recommendations are supported to comply with the nominations received and to update the Council's Constitution accordingly.

**Catherine Whitehead,
Assistant Chief Executive**

Background Papers

No background papers were used in the preparation of the report.

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S17 Crime and Disorder	The report contributes to the prevention of crime and disorder, in a number of ways, through the involvement of Councillors in the work of those Committees.
Health and Well Being	The appointment of Councillors to the various Committees will enable the health and well-being of the people of the Borough to be highlighted through the work, policies and decisions of those Committees.
Carbon Impact	The appointment of Councillors, will enable any carbon impact issues to be considered in the development of policies and other decisions through the work of those Committees.
Diversity	The report does not directly contribute to diversity, however the appointment of Councillors to the Committees will enable any diversity issues to be considered through the work of those Committees.
Wards Affected	This report does not immediately affect any wards within the Borough.
Groups Affected	This report does not have any direct impact on the various community groups, however, the work of the Committee may have an affect on those groups.
Budget and Policy Framework	The appointment of Councillors will enable any Budget and Policy Framework issues to be considered when making decisions.
Key Decision	This is a non Executive decision.
Urgent Decision	This is not an urgent decision.
One Darlington: Perfectly Placed	The report contributes to the delivery of the objectives of the community strategy in a number of ways through the involvement of Councillors in the work of those Committees.
Efficiency	There are no direct efficiencies to the Council from the information within the report, however, the appointment of Councillors to the Committees will enable any efficiencies to be identified in the work of those Committees.

MAIN REPORT

Information and Analysis

4. Attached to this report is a list of this Council's Committees and Joint Committees, together with the nominations received to fill the vacancies on those Committees, with the exception of the General Licensing, Licensing Act 2003 and Planning Applications Committees, the appointment to which were made at the Annual Council meeting held on 21 May 2015. Also included within the list, for information purposes only, is the appointment of Cabinet Members to their respective Portfolios.
5. The number of Cabinet Portfolios has reduced to seven with the deletion of the Transport Portfolio. The various responsibilities contained within the Transport Portfolio have transferred to the Leisure and Local Environment Portfolio with the exception of rail and air, which has transferred to the Leader.
6. The changes to the Cabinet Portfolios and the establishment of the General Licensing Sub-Committee will require consequential changes to be made to the Council's Constitution.

Outcome of Consultation

7. No formal consultation, other than with the political groups, was undertaken on the issues contained within the report.