

COUNCIL

13 SEPTEMBER 2023

**APPOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEES AND OUTSIDE BODIES –  
SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT**

**REPORT OF THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF LAW AND GOVERNANCE**

**1.0 Introduction and Background**

1.1 The purpose of this report is to inform Council of changes required to the allocation of Committee seats between political groups as a result of the changes to the political balance of the Council.

**2.0 Changes to Appointments on Committees**

2.1 Following the resignation of Councillor Nicholson from the Liberal Democrat Group, a recalculation of the political balance on committees to ensure places are allocated in accordance with the relevant statutory requirements has been undertaken.

2.2 So far as reasonably practicable, the proportion of the total number of committee seats allocated to each group should reflect each group's proportion of the membership of the authority. As a result, in addition to the three seats already referred to in the main report on the Council agenda, a further three seats need to be reallocated from the Liberal Democrat Group to become 'spare' seats; these seats will be from the Economic Prosperity Scrutiny Committee, Joint Consultative Committee and Supportive Parenting Partnership and have been offered to the ungrouped members, i.e. to Councillor Donaghy and Councillor Nicholson.

2.3 In addition, a request has been received from the Majority Group for Councillor Scanlan to take the place of Councillor Mordey on the Economic Prosperity Scrutiny Committee.

**3.0 Additions and Changes to Outside Bodies**

**Sunderland Durham and Royal Society for the Blind**

3.1 A request has been received from the Majority Group for Councillor Scanlan to take the place of Councillor Butler on the Sunderland Durham and Royal Society for the Blind.

**4.0 Summary of Changes Referred to in Main and Supplementary Report**

4.1 The table below sets out the changes to Committees which are required or have been requested: -

<b>Committee</b>	<b>Member(s) to be Removed</b>	<b>Member(s) to be Appointed</b>
Human Resources Committee	Cllr O'Brien	Labour Group Nomination to be notified.
Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee	Cllr Potts	Labour Group Nomination to be notified.
Children, Education and Skills Scrutiny Committee	Cllr Curtis	Labour Group Nomination to be notified.
Economic Prosperity Scrutiny Committee	Cllr Mordey Cllr Edgeworth	Cllr Scanlan Independent Nomination to be notified
Joint Consultative Committee	Cllr Potts	Independent Nomination to be notified.
Supportive Parenting Partnership	Cllr Gibson Cllrs Bond and Fagan (Substitutes)	Independent Nomination to be notified. Cllr Gibson (Substitute)
Audit and Governance Committee	Cllr Nicholson	Cllr Crosby
Licensing and Regulatory Committee	Cllr S Johnston	Cllr Ayre
Planning and Highways Committee	Cllr Nicholson	Cllr Haswell
Education (Appointment of Governors) Panel	Cllr Nicholson	Cllr Bond
<b>Outside Bodies</b>		
St Luke's Neighbourhood Trust	Cllr Nicholson	Cllr Haswell
Sunderland and Durham Royal Society for the Blind	Cllr Butler	Cllr Scanlan

## **5. Recommendations**

5.1 The Council is accordingly invited to approve the following: -

- (i) the appointment of a Labour Group Member to the Human Resources Committee in place of Councillor O'Brien;
- (ii) the appointment of a Labour Group Member to the Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee in place of Councillor Potts;
- (iii) the appointment of a Labour Group Member to the Children, Education and Skills Scrutiny Committee in place of Councillor Curtis;
- (iv) the appointment of Councillor Scanlan in place of Councillor Mordey and the appointment of an Independent Member in place of Councillor Edgeworth to the Economic Prosperity Scrutiny Committee;

- (v) the appointment of an Independent Member to the Joint Consultative Committee in place of Councillor Potts;
- (vi) the appointment of an Independent Member to the Supportive Parenting Partnership in place of Councillor Gibson and the appointment of Councillor Gibson as a substitute and the removal of Councillors Bond and Fagan as substitutes;
- (vii) the appointment of Councillor Crosby to the Audit and Governance Committee in place of Councillor Nicholson;
- (viii) the appointment of Councillor Ayre to the Licensing and Regulatory Committee in place of Councillor S Johnston;
- (ix) the appointment of Councillor Haswell to the Planning and Highways Committee in place of Councillor Nicholson;
- (x) the appointment of Councillor Bond to the Education (Appointment of Governors) Panel in place of Councillor Nicholson;
- (xi) the appointment of Councillor Haswell to the St Luke's Neighbourhood Project in place of Councillor Nicholson; and
- (xii) the appointment of Councillor Scanlan to the Sunderland and Durham Royal Society for the Blind in place of Councillor Butler.