

COUNCIL

19 JUNE 2024

**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 to the allocation of Committee seats between political groups to reflect recent changes to the political balance of the Council and also to propose changes to appointments to certain committees and outside bodies.

**2.0 Changes to Appointments on Committees and Outside Bodies**

2.1 Following the resignation of Councillor Warne from the Labour Group, a recalculation of the political balance on committees has been undertaken. In order for the proportion of the total number of committee seats allocated to each group to reflect each group's proportion of the membership of the Council, the Labour Group lose a seat on both the Human Resources Committee and the Homelessness Appeals Panel. Both of these seats now become 'spare' seats, to be offered to any ungrouped member(s).

2.2 Councillor Warne was appointed to the Planning and Highways Committee, Economic Prosperity Scrutiny Committee and the Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Authority as a Labour Group representative. The Labour Group is therefore invited to nominate a new member to each of these positions.

2.3 Councillor Warne was also appointed to the Northern Regional Brass Band Trust and as a non-voting member of the Tyne and Wear Anti-Fascist Association.

2.4 A request has been received from the Labour Group for Councillor George Smith to take the place of Councillor Usher on Age UK.

**3. Summary of Changes**

<b>Committee</b>	<b>Member(s) to be Removed</b>	<b>Member(s) to be Appointed</b>
Human Resources Committee	Councillor Stewart	Ungrouped Member
Homelessness Appeals Panel	Councillor Samuels	Ungrouped Member
Planning and Highways Committee	Councillor Warne	Councillor D Trueman

Economic Prosperity Scrutiny Committee	Councillor Warne	Councillor G Smith
<b>Outside Bodies</b>		
Age UK	Councillor Usher	Councillor G Smith
Northern Regional Brass Band Trust	Councillor Warne	Councillor Jones
Tyne and Wear Anti-Fascist Association (non-voting)	Councillor Warne	Nomination to be confirmed
Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Authority	Councillor Warne	Councillor Blackburn

#### 4. Recommendations

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

- (i) the revised constitution of the Human Resources Committee as comprising eight Labour Members, two Liberal Democrats, one Conservative and one ungrouped Member;
- (ii) the revised constitution of the Homelessness Appeals Panel as comprising seven Labour Members, one Liberal Democrat, one Conservative and one ungrouped Member;
- (iii) the appointment of an ungrouped Member to the Human Resources Committee in place of Councillor Stewart;
- (iv) the appointment of an ungrouped Member to the Homelessness Appeals Panel in place of Councillor Samuels;
- (v) the appointment of Councillor D Trueman to the Planning and Highways Committee in place of Councillor Warne;
- (vi) the appointment of Councillor G Smith to the Economic Prosperity Scrutiny Committee in place of Councillor Warne;
- (vii) the appointment of Councillor G Smith to Age UK in place of Councillor Usher;
- (viii) the appointment of Councillor Jones to the Northern Regional Brass Band Trust in place of Councillor Warne; and
- (ix) the appointment of Councillor Blackburn to the Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Authority in place of Councillor Warne.