

APPOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEES AND OUTSIDE BODIES

REPORT OF THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF LAW AND GOVERNANCE

1. 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. In addition, Councillor Thornton has indicated that she wishes to step down from the Board of Sunderland Care and Support Limited and a replacement nomination is proposed.

2. Changes to Appointments on Committees

2.1 Following the resignation of Councillors Curtis and G Smith 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. There are also a number of vacant seats which require a nomination and the proposed change to Sunderland Care and Support Limited referred to above. The changes to Committees which are required are set out in the table below: -

Committee	Member(s) to be Removed	Member(s) to be Appointed
Human Resources Committee	Vacancy	Labour Group Nomination to be notified.
Health and Wellbeing Board	Cllr Bond	Cllr Vera
Scrutiny Co-ordinating Committee	Cllr Curtis	Independent Nomination to be notified
Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee	Vacancy	Labour Group Nomination to be notified.
Children, Education and Skills Scrutiny Committee	Vacancy	Labour Group Nomination to be notified.
Economic Prosperity Scrutiny Committee	Cllr Donaghy Cllr Reed	Labour Group Nomination to be notified. Cllr S Johnston
Standards Committee	Cllr O'Brien	Independent Nomination to be notified.

Licensing and Regulatory Committee	Cllr Curtis	Labour Group Nomination to be notified.
Education (Appointment of Governors) Panel	Cllr G Smith	Cllr Gibson
Homelessness Appeals Panel	Cllr Curtis	Cllr Fagan
Appeals Committee	Cllr Curtis	Labour Group Nomination to be notified.
Supportive Parenting Partnership	Cllr Donaghy	Labour Group Nomination to be notified.
Port Board	Cllr G Smith	Cllr Edgeworth
Outside Bodies		
Health Scrutiny Joint Committee between South Tyneside and Sunderland Local Authorities	Cllr Walton	Cllr Burnicle
North East and North Cumbria ICS and North of Tyne and Gateshead and Durham, South Tyneside and Sunderland Area Integrated Care Partnerships Overview and Scrutiny Committee	Cllr Bond	Cllr Ayre
Sunderland Care and Support Limited	Cllr Thornton	Cllr A Smith
Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Authority	Cllr G Smith	Cllr Mullen

3. Vice-Chair Positions

3.1 The Conservative Group is now the majority group in opposition and the majority group have requested that the Council appoint a Conservative Member as Vice-Chair of East Area Committee in place of Councillor Hodson and as Vice-Chair of the Children, Education and Skills Scrutiny Committee in place of Councillor Gibson. The Conservative Group have indicated that they propose Councillor McDonough as Vice-Chair of Children, Education and Skills Scrutiny Committee. The Conservative nomination for Vice-Chair of the East Area Committee will follow.

4. Recommendations

4.1 The Council is accordingly invited to consider approving the following: -

- (i) the appointment of a Labour Group Member to the Human Resources Committee;
- (ii) the appointment of Councillor Vera to the Health and Wellbeing Board in place of Councillor Bond;

- (iii) the appointment of an Independent Member to the Scrutiny Co-ordinating Committee in place of Councillor Curtis;
- (iv) the appointment of a Labour Group Member to the Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee;
- (v) the appointment of a Labour Group Member to the Children, Education and Skills Scrutiny Committee;
- (vi) the appointment of Councillor S Johnston in place of Councillor Reed and the appointment of a Labour Group Member to the Economic Prosperity Scrutiny Committee in place of Councillor Donaghy;
- (vii) the appointment of an Independent Member to the Standards Committee in place of Councillor O'Brien;
- (viii) the appointment of a Labour Group Member to the Licensing and Regulatory Committee in place of Councillor Curtis;
- (ix) the appointment of Councillor Gibson to the Education (Appointment of Governors) Panel in place of Councillor G Smith;
- (x) the appointment of Councillor Fagan to the Homelessness Appeals Panel in place of Councillor Curtis;
- (xi) the appointment of a Labour Group Member to the Appeals Committee in place of Councillor Curtis;
- (xii) the appointment of a Labour Group Member to the Supportive Parenting Partnership in place of Councillor Donaghy;
- (xiii) the appointment of Councillor Edgeworth to the Port Board in place of Councillor G Smith;
- (xiv) the appointment of Councillor Burnicle to the Health Scrutiny Joint Committee between South Tyneside and Sunderland Local Authorities in place of Councillor Walton;
- (xv) the appointment of Councillor Ayre to the North East and North Cumbria ICS and North of Tyne and Gateshead and Durham, South Tyneside and Sunderland Area Integrated Care Partnerships Overview and Scrutiny Committee in place of Councillor Bond;
- (xvi) the appointment of Councillor A Smith to Sunderland Care and Support Limited in place of Councillor Thornton;
- (xvii) the appointment of Councillor Mullen to the Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Authority in place of Councillor G Smith;

- (xviii) the appointment of a Conservative Group Member as Vice-Chair of East Area Committee in place of Councillor Hodson; and
- (xix) the appointment of Councillor McDonough as Vice-Chair of the Children, Education and Skills Scrutiny Committee in place of Councillor Gibson.