

COUNCIL

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APPOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEES AND OUTSIDE BODIES

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 any changes required to the allocation of Committee seats between political groups as a result of the Copt Hill election. Any required changes will be reported by way of a supplementary report. Approval is also sought to a number of proposed changes to various committees together with some changes required to outside bodies that are unrelated to the outcome of the election.
- 1.2 The full list of appointments to committees and outside bodies will be published on the Council's website in the Yearbook at <https://committees.sunderland.gov.uk/committees/cm15/PublicDocuments.aspx> following the meeting.

2.0 Changes to Appointments on Committees

- 2.1 A review of the political balance of the Council to ensure places on Committees are allocated in accordance with the relevant statutory requirements will be undertaken, following the Copt Hill Ward election and will be included in a supplementary report.
- 2.2 Since the Annual Council meeting, Hetton Town Council have confirmed their nominations of representatives to serve on the Standards Committee as Councillors R. Elvin and D. Geddis.

3.0 Additions and Changes to Outside Bodies

Tyne and Wear Strategic Flood Group Representation

- 3.1 The Council has been invited to nominate an elected member representative and a substitute to the Tyne and Wear Strategic Flood Group.
- 3.2 The Group has requested that the nominated person and substitute be the same representative and substitute as the Northumbria Regional Flood and Coastal Committee as it feeds into that body. Council is therefore requested to appoint Councillor K. Johnston, with Councillor Scott as the substitute member, on the Tyne and Wear Strategic Flood Group.

Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Authority

- 3.3 Since the Annual Council meeting, the Leader of the Council has reviewed the appointments to the Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Authority and requested that Councillor Usher be appointed to replace Councillor Price.
- 3.4 Council is therefore requested to approve the appointment of Councillor Usher in place of Councillor Price on the Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Authority.

NECA North East Joint Transport Committee and North East Joint Transport (Tyne and Wear) Sub-Committee

- 3.5 Since the Annual Council meeting, the Leader of the Council has reviewed and requested that the nominations to the NECA North East Joint Transport Committee and North East Joint Transport (Tyne and Wear) Sub-Committee be amended from the Deputy Leader and himself as the substitute to Councillor K. Johnston, the Dynamic City Portfolio Holder with Councillor Scott, the Deputy Cabinet Member for Dynamic City as the substitute, as this remit falls within that portfolio.
- 3.6 Council is therefore requested to approve the nomination of Councillor K. Johnston, the Dynamic City Portfolio Holder with Councillor Scott, the Deputy Cabinet Member for Dynamic City as the substitute, on the NECA North East Joint Transport Committee and North East Joint Transport (Tyne and Wear) Sub-Committee.

NECA North East Joint Transport Overview and Scrutiny Committee and the North East Joint Transport Audit Committee

- 3.7 At Annual Council authorisation was given to the Assistant Director of Law and Governance to make any necessary changes to appointments should any external organisation inform the Council that any Council representative(s) must be from a particular political group in order to comply with that organisation's constitution or other governing document, or, should any notification be received that a nominated member is ineligible for appointment under the organisation's constitution or governing document, in accordance with notification(s) received from the relevant group leader(s) or their representatives and notify Council members accordingly.
- 3.8 Subsequently, notification was received from the Monitoring Officer at NECA that the political balance calculations had been reviewed and this highlighted the need to revise committee membership of the NECA North East Joint Transport Overview and Scrutiny Committee and the North East Joint Transport Audit Committee and therefore Sunderland was requested to nominate:-

- a Labour Member and a Conservative Member and substitutes to the North East Joint Transport Overview and Scrutiny Committee, in place of the current 2 Labour representatives Councillors Price and D. Snowdon with Councillors D.E. Snowdon and Watson as Substitutes; and
- a Liberal Democrat Member and substitute to the North East Joint Transport Audit Committee, in place of the current Labour representative, the Cabinet Secretary – Councillor Stewart with Councillor Williams as Substitute.

3.9 In accordance with the nominations of the Labour, Conservative and Liberal Democrats groups, the Assistant Director of Law and Governance notified NECA of the following revisions to the nominations and Council is requested to note them:-

- Councillor D.E. Snowdon and Councillor P. Donaghy with Councillor S.Watson and Councillor J. Doyle as substitutes to the North East Joint Transport Overview and Scrutiny Committee, in place of the current 2 Labour representatives Councillors Price and D. Snowdon with Councillors D.E. Snowdon and Watson as Substitutes; and
- Councillor S. O'Brien with Councillor P. Edgeworth as substitute to the North East Joint Transport Audit Committee, in place of the current Labour representative, the Cabinet Secretary – Councillor Stewart with Councillor Williams as Substitute

Recommendations

The Council is accordingly invited to:-

- (i) appoint Councillors R. Elvin and D. Geddis to serve as the Hetton Town Council representatives on the Standards Committee;
- (ii) to appoint Councillor K. Johnston, with Councillor Scott as the substitute member, on the Tyne and Wear Strategic Flood Group;
- (iii) to appoint Councillor Usher in place of Councillor Price on the Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Authority;
- (iv) to approve the nomination of Councillor K. Johnston, the Dynamic City Portfolio Holder with Councillor Scott, the Deputy Cabinet Member for Dynamic City as the substitute, on the NECA North East Joint Transport Committee and North East Joint Transport (Tyne and Wear) Sub-Committee; and
- (v) to note the following revisions to the nominations on the NECA North East Joint Transport Overview and Scrutiny Committee and the North East Joint Transport Audit Committee:-

- Councillor D.E. Snowdon and Councillor P. Donaghy with Councillor S.Watson and Councillor J. Doyle as substitutes to the North East Joint Transport Overview and Scrutiny Committee, in place of the current 2 Labour representatives Councillors Price and D. Snowdon with Councillors D.E. Snowdon and Watson as Substitutes; and
- Councillor S. O'Brien with Councillor P. Edgeworth as substitute to the North East Joint Transport Audit Committee, in place of the current Labour representative, the Cabinet Secretary – Councillor Stewart with Councillor Williams as Substitute