

COUNCIL

25 JANUARY 2023

APPOINTMENTS – SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT

REPORT OF THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF LAW AND GOVERNANCE

1.0 Introduction and Background

1.1 The purpose of this supplementary report is to inform Council of changes required to the allocation of a committee seat, to the membership of two panels and to the Council's representation on an outside body.

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/cm5/PublicDocuments.aspx> following the meeting.

2.0 Changes to Appointments on Committees and an Outside Body

2.1 Following the resignation of Councillor Donaghy from the Conservative Group, a recalculation of the political balance on committees to ensure places are allocated in accordance with the relevant statutory requirements was undertaken.

2.2 This resulted in a change to the membership of the Licensing and Regulatory Committee on which the Conservative group lose one seat. This seat subsequently becomes a "spare" seat and has been offered to the ungrouped members, i.e. to Councillor Bewick and to Councillor Donaghy who have indicated that they wish Councillor Donaghy to remain on the Committee.

2.3 Changes in membership are also needed to the following committees and an outside body to which Councillor Donaghy is currently appointed:-

- Appeals Panel – the seat is allocated to the Conservative Group.
- Homelessness Appeals Panel - the seat is allocated to the Conservative Group.
- North East Transport Overview and Scrutiny Committee - the seat is allocated to the Conservative Group.

2.4 Councillor Donaghy is also currently appointed to Oxclose Community Nursery and is automatically a member of Washington Area Committee. These appointments are not subject to political proportionality requirements and will stand.

3.0 Recommendations

3.1 The Council is accordingly invited to:-

- (i) approve the re-appointment of Councillor Donaghy to the Licensing and Regulatory Committee;
- (ii) approve the appointment of Councillor Mullen on the Appeals Panel in place of Councillor Donaghy;
- (iii) approve the appointment of Councillor Mann on the Homelessness Appeals Panel in place of Councillor Donaghy; and
- (iv) approve the nomination of Councillor McDonough to replace Councillor Donaghy on the North East Transport Overview and Scrutiny Committee.