

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 seek approval to note the decision of the Leader of the Council on the appointments to the Cabinet and the portfolio responsibilities and to note the appointment of Deputy Cabinet Members. In accordance with legislation introduced as a result of the current pandemic, existing appointments to committees etc. are carried forward unless Council decides otherwise. This report details proposed changes to a number of committees and outside bodies that would otherwise continue under the “carry-forward” arrangements.
- 1.2 In addition, at Council on 25 March, authority was granted to the Chief Executive to implement changes in respect of the new Planning and Highways Committees and the Licensing and Regulatory Committee, which came into effect on 20 May 2020. Those appointments are listed below at paragraph 2 for the Council to note.
- 1.3 A full list of appointments to committees and outside bodies will be circulated to Members for information, following the meeting.

2. Cabinet

- 2.1 Council is invited to note the decision of the Leader on the appointments to the Cabinet and the portfolio responsibilities aligned to the Council’s City Plan, and also to note the appointment of Deputy Cabinet Members. The remits of the Portfolios are set out in the Appendix to the report.

Deputy Leader of the Council Councillor Mordey

Cabinet Secretary Councillor Stewart

Portfolio	Executive Member	Deputy Cabinet Member
Children, Learning and Skills	Councillor Farthing	Councillor Williams
Healthy City	Councillor G. Walker	Councillor Chequer
Vibrant City	Councillor Kelly	Councillor P. Walker
Dynamic City	Councillor Atkinson	Councillor Johnston

3.0 Planning & Highways Committees, Licensing and Regulatory Committee

- 3.1 Under the delegation approved at the last Council meeting, the Chief Executive approved the following composition of the committees:-

Planning and Highways (East) Committee

(Comprising Barnes, Castle, Doxford, Fulwell, Hendon, Millfield, Pallion, Redhill, Ryhope, Sandhill, Silksworth, Southwick, St Anne's, St Chad's, St Michael's and St Peter's)

16 Members

Councillor	Butler	Councillor	Dixon
	D. Dixon		Doyle
	Essl		
	Foster	Councillor	Hodson
	E. Gibson		O'Brien
	Scanlan		
	P. Smith	Councillor	Bewick
	Stewart		
	D. Waller		
	A. Wilson		
	D. Wilson		

Chair Councillor Essl
Vice-Chair Councillor Butler

Planning and Highways (West) Committee

(Comprising Copt Hill, Hetton, Houghton, Shiney Row, Washington Central, Washington East, Washington North, Washington South and Washington West)

9 Members

Councillor	Lauchlan	Councillor	Blackett
	F. Miller		
	Rowntree		
	Thornton	Councillor	Fagan
	G. Walker		
	P. Walker		
		Councillor	Armstrong

Chair Councillor Rowntree
Vice-Chair Councillor Thornton

Licensing and Regulatory Committee

15 Members

Councillor	Cunningham	Councillor	Howe
	P. Gibson		Leadbitter
	Fletcher		
	Heron	Councillor	O'Brien
	Johnston		A. Wood
	Lawson		
	D. MacKnight	Councillor	Bewick
	D. Snowdon		
	A. Wilson		
	D. Wilson		
Chair	Councillor Fletcher		
Vice-Chair	Councillor A. Wilson		

Licensing Sub-Committees

Panels of 3 Members from Licensing Committee – Rotation system to operate

4.0 Changes to Political Balance

- 4.1 As a result of the creation of the new committees outlined in paragraph 3.1, it was necessary to review the political balance in respect of allocation of seats on committees and as a result, the following changes were also required to be made:-

Standards Committee – Councillor Marshall replaced by Councillor Armstrong

Joint Consultative Committee – Councillor Armstrong appointed to the vacant position on the Committee

5.0 Changes to Appointments on Committees

- 5.1 The changes to committees and/or appointment to vacant positions which have been requested by the political groups are as follows:-

Audit and Governance Committee – To appoint Councillor N. MacKnight to the vacant position.

Human Resources Committee – To replace Councillor A. Wilson with Councillor Tye; to replace Councillor Potts with Councillor Haswell; to replace Councillor Jenkins with Councillor Mann.

Scrutiny Coordinating Committee – To replace Councillors Francis and Oliver with Councillors McDonough and Mullen; to replace Councillor Hodson with Councillor O'Brien. Subject to approval of the proposal below in respect of Economic Prosperity Scrutiny Committee, with effect from the date upon which Councillor D. Snowdon becomes Chair of that Committee, to replace Councillor D. Turner with Councillor D. Snowdon.

Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee – to replace Councillor McDonough with Councillor Greener; to replace Councillor O'Brien with Councillor Haswell.

Children, Education and Skills Scrutiny Committee – to replace Councillor Francis as a member of the Committee and Vice Chair with Councillor McDonough.

Economic Prosperity Scrutiny Committee – To appoint Councillor D.E. Snowden to the Majority Group Vacancy. With effect from the day following the date upon which Councillor D. Snowden ceases to be Mayor, to replace Councillor D. Turner with Councillor D. Snowden as a member of, and Chair of, the Committee.

Standards Committee – To note a vacancy for a Member nominated by Hetton Town Council, to be advised.

Homelessness Appeals Panel – To replace Councillor O'Brien with Councillor Hodson.

Education Complaints Panel – to replace Councillor Francis with Councillor Greener; to replace Councillor O'Brien with Councillor G. Smith.

Appeals Committee – to replace Councillor G. Smith with Councillor Potts.

Joint Consultative Committee – to replace Councillor A. Wilson with Councillor Atkinson.

Corporate Parenting Board – To replace Councillors Davison and N. MacKnight with Councillors Foster and Heron; to replace Councillor Francis with Councillor McDonough; to replace Councillor O'Brien with Councillor Potts.

Coalfield Area Committee – to appoint Councillor Blackburn as Chair in place of Councillor Lawson.

6.0 Changes to Outside Bodies

6.1 The changes to the outside bodies are as follows:-

Children's Centres/Early Help Local Advisory Partnership Board – Following the change in structure of the Area Committee/Board arrangements, to appoint the Chairs of the Neighbourhood and Community Boards with the Chairs of Area Committees as substitutes as follows:-

Coalfield and Washington –Coalfield Area Committee representative, Councillor Heron (Substitute – Councillor Blackburn) and Washington Area Committee Representative, Councillor F. Miller (Substitute - Councillor Lauchlan)

Sunderland North & South –North Sunderland Area Committee Representative, Councillor Foster (Substitute - Councillor D. Wilson), East Sunderland Area Committee Representative, Councillor Marshall (Substitute – Councillor E. Gibson) and West Area Committee Representative, Councillor Watson (Substitute – Councillor P. Gibson)

Environmental Protection UK – To replace Councillor A. Wilson with the Deputy Leader of the Council and to note Councillor Atkinson's continued membership as the Dynamic City Portfolio Holder. To appoint Councillor Samuels to the vacant position.

Fostering Panels – Orange Panel - To note Councillor Rowntree no longer to serve on this panel. Nomination to be made to vacant position.

GENTOO GROUP LIMITED (This includes board membership of GENTOO HOMES. Nominations are made subject to the application of Gentoo's appointments process) – To replace Councillor Essl with Councillor Waller.

Health Scrutiny Joint Committee between South Tyneside and Sunderland Local Authorities – To replace Councillor Fagan with Councillor Haswell.

North East Joint Transport Committee – To change the appointments so that the Deputy Leader of the Council becomes the representative with the Leader of the Council as the substitute.

North East Joint Transport (Tyne and Wear) Sub-Committee – To appoint the Deputy Leader of the Council in place of Councillor A. Wilson and the Leader of the Council as substitute in place of Councillor Waller.

North East Joint Transport Audit Committee – To replace the substitute member, the Deputy Leader of the Council, with Councillor Kelly.

North East Migration Network Core Strategic Group – To replace the Deputy Leader of the Council with the Dynamic City Portfolio Holder (appointed by ANEC Ltd).

Northumbria Regional Flood and Coastal Committee – For the remainder of the four-year Term commencing 1 June 2017 to 31 May 2021, to replace Councillor A. Wilson with the Deputy Leader of the Council and to appoint the Dynamic City Portfolio Holder to the resultant vacancy as the substitute member.

Safer Sunderland Partnership – To replace Councillor Tye with the Deputy Cabinet Member for Healthy City.

Transport for the North Board – To nominate to the North East Combined Authority that the Leader of the Council be replaced with the Deputy Leader of the Council as the Deputy Representative.

Transport for the North Scrutiny Committee - To request the North East Combined Authority to replace the Deputy Leader of the Council with an appointment of their choice.

7.0 Representatives on Bodies established under Joint Arrangements

- 7.1 To note the under mentioned changes made by the Leader to appointments to bodies established under Joint Arrangements:-

South Tyne and Wear Waste Management Partnership Joint Executive Committee – To appoint the Deputy Leader of the Council and the Cabinet Secretary in place of Councillors Waller and A. Wilson with Councillor Kelly being appointed to the resultant vacancy as the substitute member.

PATROL (Parking and Traffic Regulations Outside London) Adjudication Joint Committee) - To appoint the Deputy Leader of the Council in place of Councillor A. Wilson and to note that no substitute member is required.

Tyne and Wear Trading Standards Joint Committee – To appoint the Deputy Leader of the Council and the Deputy Cabinet Member for Vibrant City in place of Councillors Waller and A. Wilson.

8.0 Recommendations

The Council is accordingly invited to:-

- (i) note the decision of the Leader on the appointments to the Cabinet and the portfolio responsibilities aligned to the Council's City Plan and also to note the appointment of deputy cabinet members;
- (ii) note the composition of the Planning and Highways Committees and the Licensing and Regulatory Committee under the delegation to the Chief Executive approved at the last Council meeting;
- (iii) note the changes required to the Standards Committee and the Joint Consultative Committee as a result of the review of the political balance allocation of seats on committees detailed at paragraph 4.1;
- (iv) approve the appointments to the Committees and Outside Bodies detailed in paragraphs 5.1 and 6.1; and
- (v) note the changes made by the Leader to appointments to bodies established under Joint Arrangements detailed at paragraph 7.1.

CABINET MEMBERS AND PORTFOLIO RESPONSIBILITIES

The revised portfolio responsibilities for executive members are as follows:

Executive Member

Portfolio

Leader

To provide political leadership on behalf of residents, stakeholders and partners in the co-ordination of Council strategies, policies and service delivery, ensuring good quality services.

To provide political leadership in the development of local, regional, sub-regional strategy and strategic partnerships.

To promote and enhance the reputation of Sunderland, the city and the council at national, European and international levels.

To ensure that the Council's approach to economic, social and physical regeneration of the City is integrated, enabling and effective.

To provide democratic leadership to partners, residents and stakeholders.

To co-ordinate and apportion the roles and responsibilities of Members.

Deputy Leader

In the absence of the Leader of the Council, the Deputy Leader has overall responsibility for the portfolio of the Leader of the Council.

To support the Leader as appropriate, working collectively with the Cabinet and Deputy Cabinet Members.

To support the Leader in the approach to strategic economic, social and physical regeneration activity in the City.

To provide political leadership in relation to communications and corporate affairs.

To provide political leadership to the Council's approach to equalities, safer communities and social inclusion including the work in the city with the armed forces.

To ensure that the Council's approach to people management and development is enabling and effective.

To provide political leadership to the Council's approach to the priorities of Environment and Transport priorities, ensuring that the City is as attractive, sustainable and accessible for all.

To ensure that the Council's approach to Environment and Transport agenda is integrated, enabling and effective and the Council fulfils its strategic and statutory roles in relation to these functions. This includes improving the physical environment and its connectivity for sustainable living, working and visiting the City.

To provide political leadership to the Council's approach to environment and transport, sustainability and energy partnerships.

To exercise political policy oversight relating to the Council's Environment, Transport, Infrastructure, Public Protection and Place Regulation functions.

To provide political leadership to the citywide approach to carbon reduction.

Cabinet Secretary

To provide political leadership to the Council's approach to the efficient and effective deployment of resources to sustain services that matter to local people and to local communities.

To deputise for the Leader as appropriate.

To ensure that the Council's internal operations are integrated, enabling and effective and the Council fulfils its strategic and statutory roles in relation to corporate services.

To provide political leadership to the Council's approach to commissioned and procured partnerships as well as partnerships where Sunderland is the lead authority.

To exercise political policy oversight relating to functions within Corporate Services and Data Protection.

Children, Learning and Skills

To be the designated “lead member for children’s services” in accordance with Section 19 of the Children Act 2004.

To provide political leadership to the Council’s approach to the priorities of Children, Learning and Skills to ensure that children and young people achieve the best outcomes and supporting all-age learning and skills.

To ensure that the Council’s approach to the Children, Learning and Skills agenda is integrated, enabling and effective and the Council fulfils its strategic and statutory roles in relation to these functions.

To provide political leadership to the Council’s approach to Children, Learning and Skills.

To exercise political policy oversight relating to the Council’s Adults and Public Health functions.

Healthy City

To provide political leadership to the Council’s approach to the priorities of health and life chances of children and adults and providing all-population approach to public health to achieve the best outcomes.

To ensure that the Council’s approach to the Adults and Public Health agenda is integrated, enabling and effective and the Council fulfils its strategic and statutory roles in relation to these functions.

To exercise political policy oversight relating to the Council’s Adults and Public Health functions.

Vibrant City

To provide political leadership to the Council’s approach to the priorities of local communities to achieve the best outcomes as well as ensuring a wide-ranging cultural offer and communities having the access to the opportunities on offer in the City.

To ensure that the Council’s approach to the Communities, Culture, Leisure and Community Resilience agenda is integrated, enabling and effective and the Council fulfils its strategic and statutory roles in relation to these functions.

To provide political leadership to the Council’s approach to Area/Community and Cultural partnerships.

To exercise political policy oversight relating to the Council's Communities and Culture functions, including tourism and heritage.

Dynamic City

To provide political leadership to the Council's approach to the priorities of Housing, Regeneration and Planning priorities, ensuring that the City achieves the best outcomes from physical and economic regeneration including business and housing growth.

To ensure that the Council's approach to Housing and Regeneration agenda is integrated, enabling and effective and the Council fulfils its strategic and statutory roles in relation to these functions.

To provide political leadership to the Council's approach to partnerships relating to housing and regeneration.

To exercise political policy oversight relating to the Council's Regeneration and Housing functions, including dealing with homelessness.