

COUNCIL 22 FEBRUARY 2023

#### **APPOINTMENTS**

### 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 required to the allocation of committee seats.
- 1.2 The full list of appointments to committees and outside bodies will be published on the Council's website in the Yearbook at <a href="https://committees.sunderland.gov.uk/committees/cmis5/PublicDocuments.aspx">https://committees.sunderland.gov.uk/committees/cmis5/PublicDocuments.aspx</a> following the meeting.

# 2.0 Changes to Appointments on Committees

- 2.1 Following the resignation of Councillor Greener 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 Appeals Panel and the Corporate Parenting Board where the Conservative group lose one seat on both the Panel and the Board. These seats subsequently become "spare" seats and have been offered to the ungrouped members, i.e. to Councillor Bewick, to Councillor Donaghy and to Councillor Greener, who may also nominate a substitute member to the Corporate Parenting Board.
- 2.3 Councillor Greener is automatically a member of West Area Committee and this appointment is not subject to political proportionality requirements and will stand.

#### 3.0 Recommendations

- 3.1 The Council is accordingly invited to:-
- (i) approve the appointment of Councillor Greener on the Appeals Panel in place of Councillor S. Johnston; and
- (ii) approve the appointment of Councillor Bewick on the Corporate Parenting Board in place of Councillor McKeith and the appointment of Councillor Greener as a substitute Member to the Board in place of Councillor Hartnack.