

AGENDA ITEM 7

REPORT TO COUNCIL

26 JULY 2023

**REPORT OF
CORPORATE
MANAGEMENT TEAM**

**APPOINTMENTS/AMENDMENTS TO COMMITTEES AND PANEL FOR
2023/27**

SUMMARY

This report reviews the allocation of seats to political groups as prescribed by the Local Government (Committees and Political Groups) Regulations 1990.

RECOMMENDATION

Council is asked to approve the changes to Committee appointments set out in Appendices A and B and nominations are sought in respect of the vacancies in Appendix C.

DETAIL

1. Members will recall that, at the Annual Meeting on 24 May 2023, Council appointed to Committees, Panels etc, in accordance with the Constitution and statutory political balance requirements. Committee size is set out in the Council's Constitution. However, in the case of Executive Scrutiny, the size and political balance of that committee could not be determined until Council had appointed a committee chair and the chairs of each select committee. The Council's constitution, para 2.37, states:-

"The Executive Scrutiny Committee will be comprised of a Chair appointed by Council, plus the Chairs of the 5 thematic Select Committees, together with such other Members as are necessary to achieve political balance".
2. A recalculation has been made and a total membership of 12 is now required comprising 5 Conservatives, 5 Labour (the appointed chairs of Selects) and 1 Thornaby Independent (the appointed Exec chair) and 1 Ingleby Barwick Independents Association. **Appendix A** sets out the revised membership of Executive Scrutiny Committee for approval.
3. Following the recent Hartburn election, a recalculation of the political balance of all Council committees has taken place and in accordance with that, **Appendix B** sets out the wishes of political groups in the filling of seats for approval.

4. In addition, **Appendix C** highlights outstanding vacancies yet to be filled by the Council.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Seats must be allocated to political groups as prescribed by the Local Government (Committees and Political Groups) Regulations 1990.

CONSULTATION INCLUDING WARD/COUNCILLORS

Consultation has taken place with political group leaders.

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Background Papers	None
Education Related Item	No
Ward(s) and Ward Councillors	All
Property Implications	None