

COMMITTEE REPORT

COUNCIL

6 DECEMBER 2017

COMMITTEE AND OUTSIDE BODY APPOINTMENTS

SYLVIA REYNOLDS - DEPUTY MONITORING OFFICER

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1. To recommend appointments to committees and outside bodies for 2017 in accordance with the current political balance of the Council and to amend the Terms of Reference for the Teesside Pension Fund Committee.

BACKGROUND

2. In line with usual practice, it is recommended that the Deputy Monitoring Officer be authorised to amend memberships of committees and outside bodies, following resignations received from members and to appoint to vacancies in accordance with group preferences or, where not in a group, in accordance with individual Member's wishes. However, where more than one person (non-group members) applies for the same place, they should decide amongst themselves how those places should be allocated. If agreement cannot be reached between the individual Members, the Council will make that determination.

CHANGES TO COMMITTEES

3. Corporate Affairs and Audit Committee

It is noted that, following the resignation of Councillor Blyth from the Corporate Affairs and Audit Committee, Council ratification is required for the appointment of a Vice-Chair to the Corporate Affairs and Audit Committee (a role previously held by Councillor Blyth). Previously, in accordance with the authority delegated to the Monitoring Officer, Councillor Blyth's position on that committee was filled by Councillor Walkington, who also acted *pro tem* as Vice-Chair. A formal nomination for the role of Vice-Chair is now sought.

4. Teesside Pension Fund and Investment Panel

A report was submitted to Council on 1 November 2017 with regard to changes to the Teesside Pension Fund and Investment Panel. The Panel has been renamed Teesside Pension Fund Committee and the membership of the Committee in terms of Middlesbrough members has been reduced from 11 Councillors to 9.

The previous political balance was:-

11 Councillors: 7 Labour: 1 Conservative: 1 MICA, 1 Independent and 1 spare.

All places are filled with Labour taking 9 places, Conservative 1 and Independent 1.

The revised political balance is:-

9 Councillors: 6 Labour, 1 Conservative, 1 MICA and 1 spare.

In addition, there was an error within the Terms of Reference submitted to the Council meeting on 1 November 2017, which stated that whilst the Chair would be appointed by Middlesbrough Council, the Vice Chair would be appointed by the Teesside Pension Fund Committee. However, both the Teesside Pension Fund and Investment Panel and the Teesside Pension Board had formally agreed the appointments of Chair and Vice Chair should be made by Middlesbrough Council.

As a result of the amendment to the political balance, it is proposed that with the exception of the Chair (Councillor Bloundele), and the Vice Chair (Councillor Rostron) the membership of the Teesside Pension Fund Committee be re-appointed.

The members that are appointed will remain on that committee until the Council's Annual Meeting in 2019. Thereafter, members will be appointed for a four year term in line with the electoral cycle.

Nominations are therefore sought for the Teesside Pension Fund Committee.

5. Durham Tees Valley Airport Board

Following the resignation of the Mayor and the Deputy Mayor for City Centre Strategy from the Durham Tees Valley Airport Board, Councillor M Carr, Executive Member for Children's Services has been appointed to the Board and Councillor J Brunton Dobson, Executive Member for Education and Skills, has been appointed as a substitute.

RECOMMENDATION

6. (i) That nominations for the post of Vice-Chair of Corporate Affairs and Audit Committee be sought and, where necessary, voted upon.
- (ii) That the Terms of Reference for the Teesside Pension Fund Committee be amended to specify that the appointments of both the Chair and Vice Chair of the Committee will be made by Middlesbrough Council.
- (iii) That nominations for the Teesside Pension Fund Committee be sought and, where necessary, voted upon.

- (iv) That Council notes the appointment of the Executive Member for Children's Services to the Durham Tees Valley Airport Board and the appointment of the Executive Member for Education and Skills as a substitute.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

Report of the Strategic Director of Finance, Governance and Support - Revised Terms of Reference – Teesside Pension Fund and Investment Panel and Teesside Pension Board – Council – 1 November 2017

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