

MIDDLESBROUGH COUNCIL	
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Report of:	Charlotte Benjamin, Director of Legal and Governance Services (Monitoring Officer)
Relevant Executive Member:	n/a
Submitted to:	Council
Date:	9 July 2025
Title:	Vacancies on Committees and Outside Bodies 2025-2026
Report for:	Decision
Status:	Public
Council Plan priority:	Delivering Best Value
Key decision:	No
Why:	Decision does not reach the threshold to be a key decision
Subject to call in?	No
Why:	Not applicable – Council Decision

Proposed decision(s)
<p>That the Council approves:</p> <p>subject to receipt of nominations to the vacancies listed at paragraph 2.1 of the report, the places allocated in accordance with the wishes of the political groups and other Councillors and fills the vacancies.</p>

Executive summary
<p>The report seeks Members' approval for nominations of appointment to vacant positions on Committees, Scrutiny Panels and Outside Bodies, due to vacancies that were not filled at the Annual Council meeting and resignations from Committees.</p>

1. Purpose of this report and its contribution to the achievement of the Council Plan ambitions

1.1 To seek Members' approval for nominations of appointment to vacant positions on Committees, Scrutiny Panels and Outside Bodies, following resignations and vacancies that remain, following the Annual Council meeting.

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Our ambitions	Summary of how this report will support delivery of these ambitions and the underpinning aims
A successful and ambitious town	The Council has a duty to ensure that committees and sub committees are appointed to ensure that all meetings remain quorate and decisions can be made that contribute to successfully meeting our ambitions.
A healthy Place	
Safe and resilient communities	
Delivering best value	This report will contribute towards the Council Plan ambition to deliver best value by ensuring robust and effective corporate governance.

2. Recommendations

2.1 That Council approves:

the places allocated in accordance with the wishes of the political groups and other Councillors and fills the following vacancies:

Council Committees

Chief Officer Appointments Committee

Vice Chair

Children's Scrutiny Panel

Vice Chair

You Matter to Us – Corporate Parenting Board

2 vacancies

Licensing Committee

1 vacancy

Overview and Scrutiny Board

1 vacancy

Teesside Pension Fund Committee

1 vacancy

Working Groups

Corporate Health and Safety Steering Group

4 vacancies

Works Council

2 vacancies

Outside Bodies

Council Appointments:

Hartlepool Power Station Local Liaison Committee

1 vacancy

North East Regional Joint Health Scrutiny Committee

1 vacancy

Executive Appointments:

Staying Put Advisory Committee

1 vacancy

Tennis World

2 vacancies

3. Rationale for the recommended decision(s)

- 3.1 Council is required to appoint to any vacant places on Committees or Outside Bodies to ensure that all meetings will be quorate.

4. Background and relevant information

- 4.1 Following resignations from Committees and places on Committees and Outside Bodies that were not taken up at the Annual Council meeting, several vacancies exist. Council is required to consider and approve nominations for appointment to the vacancies.

5. Ward Member Engagement if relevant and appropriate

- 5.1 Not applicable.

6. Other potential alternative(s) and why these have not been recommended

- 6.1 Do Nothing: This option could result in meetings becoming inquorate and could result in the decision-making process being delayed.

7. Impact(s) of the recommended decision(s)

Topic	Impact
Financial (including procurement and Social Value)	There are no financial implications or impact on any budgets or the Medium-Term Financial Plan (MTFP) arising from the content of this report.
Legal	The Council is required to agree appointments to committees in accordance with the requirements of the Constitution.
Risk	<p>Failure to adhere to Local Code of Corporate Governance and deliver governance improvements outlined in the Annual Governance Statement. By ensuring that meetings are quorate then the Council is ensuring that good governance is in place and in line with the requirements of the Council's constitution so this would have a positive impact on this risk.</p> <p>If the Council doesn't respond effectively and efficiently to legislative changes it could be in breach of statutory duties in relation to service delivery and fail to make the most of opportunities. The Council has a duty to ensure that the membership of the committees and sub committees are covered and is required to appoint to any vacant places to ensure that all meetings remain quorate. This will have a positive impact on this risk as the Council is fulfilling its duties.</p>
Human Rights, Public Sector Equality Duty and Community Cohesion	The subject of this report is not a policy, strategy, function or service that is new or being revised. It is considered that an equality impact assessment is not required.
Reducing Poverty	Not applicable as this is a technical report about committee places and does not change any policy.
Climate Change / Environmental	Not applicable as this is a technical report about committee places and does not change any policy.
Children and Young People Cared for by the Authority and Care Leavers	Not applicable as this is a technical report about committee places and does not change any policy.
Data Protection	Not applicable as this is a technical report about committee places and does not change any policy.

Actions to be taken to implement the recommended decision(s)

Action	Responsible Officer	Deadline
Update Members of Committees and Outside Bodies	Democratic Services Manager	31 July 2025

Appendices

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Background papers

Body	Report title	Date

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