

<b>MIDDLESBROUGH COUNCIL</b>	
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<b>Report of:</b>	Charlotte Benjamin, Director of Legal and Corporate Services (Monitoring Officer)
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<b>Submitted to:</b>	Council
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<b>Date:</b>	20 May 2026
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<b>Title:</b>	Council Committees - Establishment - Terms of Reference - Allocation of Places - Memberships – 2026-2027
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<b>Report for:</b>	Decision
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<b>Status:</b>	Public
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<b>Council Plan priority:</b>	Delivering Best Value
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**Proposed decision(s)**

That the Council, subject to receipt of nominations to the following vacancies or amendments to places indicated in the attached schedules:

Approves:

1. The establishment of committees, sub committees, boards, panels and working groups for the 2026-2027 Municipal Year, or until amended by Council, (whichever is the latter).
2. The places allocated in accordance with the wishes of the political groups and other Councillors as shown.
3. The vacancies listed at paragraph 2.1.3 of this report are filled in accordance with political group and other Councillors’ preferences.

Notes:

4. The membership, size, and terms of reference of the Executive, its sub-committees and advisory bodies approved by the Mayor for 2026 onwards as set out in Schedule A in the Appendix to this report.

## **Executive summary**

The Annual Meeting provides an opportunity for the Council and Executive to review its decision-making, for the committees, sub-committees, boards, panels and working groups to be established, and for the terms of reference as detailed in the attached Appendix to be approved.

Subject to receipt of nominations to vacancies or amendments to places indicated in the attached schedules, Council is asked to approve the places allocated in accordance with the wishes of the political groups and other Councillors as shown.

The membership, size, and terms of reference of the Executive, its sub-committees and advisory bodies approved by the Mayor for 2026 onwards as set out in Schedule A in the Appendix to the report are to be noted.

The vacancies listed at Paragraph 2.1.3 of the report are to be filled in accordance with political group and other Councillors' preferences.

### **1. Purpose**

- 1.1 The purpose of the report is to approve the establishment of committees, sub committees, boards, panels and working groups for the 2026-2027 Municipal Year, or until amended by Council, (whichever is the latter).

### **2. Recommendations**

- 2.1 That the Council, subject to receipt of nominations to the following vacancies or amendments to places indicated in the attached schedules:

Approves:

- 2.1.1 The establishment of committees, sub committees, boards, panels and working groups for the 2026-2027 Municipal Year, or until amended by Council, (whichever is the latter).
- 2.1.2 The places allocated in accordance with the wishes of the political groups and other Councillors as shown.
- 2.1.3 The following vacancies are filled in accordance with political group and other Councillors' preferences:

#### Schedule C

Audit Committee – 1 vacancy  
Constitution and Members' Development Committee – 1 vacancy  
Licensing Committee – 3 vacancies  
Teesside Pension Fund Committee – 1 vacancy  
Adult Social Care and Health Scrutiny Panel – 1 vacancy  
Children's Scrutiny Panel – 1 vacancy

## Place Scrutiny Panel – 1 vacancy

### Notes:

2.1.4 The membership, size, and terms of reference of the Executive, its sub-committees and advisory bodies approved by the Mayor for 2026 onwards as set out in Schedule A in the Appendix to this report.

### 3. Background and relevant information

3.1 The Annual Meeting provides an opportunity for the Council and Executive to review its decision-making and committee structures and make any necessary changes.

3.2 Schedule A sets out details of Executive Sub-Committees and Advisory Bodies agreed by the Mayor. Schedules B and C identify the nominations received from the various groups and individual councillors for places on the committees to be established by Council. Wherever possible, independent members, and members who are entitled to request seats from the spare places, will be awarded at least their first-choice place. Schedule D sets out board/steering/working groups that are not included in the calculation of political balance.

3.3 A number of Committees, as indicated in the schedule, will need to be appointed at a later date, due to the make-up of the membership.

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

4.1 Do Nothing - Decide not to agree the terms of reference and appointments to Committees. This would prevent the Council from taking any decisions.

### 5. Impact(s) of the recommended decision(s)

Topic	Impact
Financial (including 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.
Procurement	Not applicable as this is a report to approve establishment of committees, sub committees, boards, panels and working groups for the 2026-2027 Municipal Year and allocate places in accordance with the wishes of the political groups and other Councillors.
Legal	The Council is required to fill vacancies in accordance with Local Government legislation.
Risk	Failure to adhere to Local Code of Corporate Governance and deliver governance improvements outlined in the Annual Governance Statement. If the Council does not appoint to Council Committees, it could result in decisions not being taken or a delay in the decision-making process.

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	The subject of this report is not a policy, strategy, function or service that is new or being revised.
Climate Change / Environmental	The subject of this report is not a policy, strategy, function or service that is new or being revised.
Children and Young People Cared for by the Authority and Care Leavers	The subject of this report is not a policy, strategy, function or service that is new or being revised.
Data Protection	The subject of this report is not a policy, strategy, function or service that is new or being revised.

## Appendices

1	Appendix A - Council Appointments to Committees
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## Background papers

Body	Report title	Date

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