

MIDDLESBROUGH COUNCIL	
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Report of:	Charlotte Benjamin, Director of Legal and Corporate Services (Monitoring Officer)
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Submitted to:	Council
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Date:	15 July 2026
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Title:	Vacancies on Committees and Outside Bodies 2026-2027
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Report for:	Decision
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Status:	Public
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Council Plan priority:	Delivering Best Value
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Proposed decision(s)
That the Council approves: 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.

Executive summary
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.

1. Purpose

- 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.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 The Council approves:

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

Council Committees

Audit Committee - 1 vacancy

Constitution and Members' Development Committee – 1 vacancy

Licensing Committee – 3 vacancies

Teesside Pension Fund Committee – 2 vacancies

Adult Social Care and Health Scrutiny Panel – 1 vacancy

Children's Scrutiny Panel – 1 vacancy

Place Scrutiny Panel – 1 vacancy

Working Groups

Corporate Health and Safety Steering Group – 3 vacancies

Works Council – 2 vacancies

Outside Bodies

Council Appointments

South Tees Health Scrutiny Joint Committee – 2 vacancies (reserved to Labour)

Hartlepool Power Station Local Liaison Committee - 1 vacancy

Council/Executive Appointments

Middlesbrough Voluntary Development Agency – 1 vacancy

Executive Appointments

Staying Put Advisory Committee – 1 vacancy

3. Background and relevant information

- 3.1 Following resignations from Committees and place 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.

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

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

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 appointments to Committee, Working Group and Outside Body vacancies in accordance with the Constitution.
Legal	The Council is required to agree appointments to Committees, Working Groups and Outside Bodies in accordance with the requirements of the Constitution.
Risk	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. If the Council does not 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 appoint to any vacant places on Committees, Working Groups and Outside Bodies to ensure that all meetings remain quorate. This will have a positive impact on this risk as the Council is fulfilling its duties.
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 report in relation to committee vacancies and does not change any policy.
Climate Change / Environmental	Not applicable as this is a report in relation to committee vacancies and does not change any policy.
Children and Young People Cared for by the Authority and Care Leavers	Not applicable as this is a report in relation to committee vacancies and does not change any policy.
Data Protection	Not applicable as this is a report in relation to committee vacancies and does not change any policy.

Appendices

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Background papers

Body	Report title	Date

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