

COUNCIL

A meeting of the Council was held on Wednesday 26 May 2021.

PRESENT: Councillors J Hobson, L Garvey (Vice-Chair pro tem), (in the Chair for Agenda Item 1 only) R Arundale, A Bell, C Cooke, B Cooper, D Coupe, D Davison, S Dean, C Dodds, T Furness, A Hellaoui, T Higgins, A High, S Hill, C Hobson, B Hubbard, N Hussain, D Jones, L Lewis, L Mason, T Mawston, D McCabe, C McIntyre, J McTigue, M Nugent, J Platt, E Polano, G Purvis, J Rathmell, D Rooney, J Rostron, R Sands, M Saunders, M Smiles, M Storey, P Storey, J Thompson, Z Uddin, J Walker, S Walker, A Waters, G Wilson and C Wright

OFFICERS: B Carr, C Benjamin, S Bonner, C Breheny, D Johnson, C Lunn, T Parkinson, A Perriman, S Reynolds, K Whitmore and S Lightwing

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Councillors D Branson, J Goodchild and A Preston (The Mayor)

21/1 **ELECTION OF CHAIR OF THE COUNCIL - 2021 - 2022**

The Vice-Chair of the Council pro tem invited nominations for the Chair of the Council for the Municipal Year 2021 - 2022.

Nominations were received in respect of Councillor J Hobson and Councillor Rostron. On a vote being taken, Councillor J Hobson received 24 votes and Councillor Rostron received 18 votes.

ORDERED that Councillor J Hobson be elected as the Chair of the Council for the Borough of Middlesbrough to hold office for the Municipal Year 2021 - 2022 pro tem.

The newly elected Chair proceeded to Chair the meeting for the remainder of the agenda items.

21/2 **APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIR OF THE COUNCIL - 2021 - 2022**

The Chair of the Council invited nominations for the Vice-Chair of the Council for the Municipal Year 2021 - 2022.

Nominations were received in respect of Councillor Bell and Councillor Thompson.

On a vote being taken, Councillor Bell received 25 votes and Councillor Thompson received 18 votes.

ORDERED that Councillor Bell be elected as Vice-Chair of the Council for the Borough of Middlesbrough to hold office for the Municipal Year 2021 - 2022 pro tem.

21/3 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Councillors Branson, Goodchild and the Elected Mayor, Andy Preston.

21/4 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest received at this point in the meeting.

21/5 **MINUTES- COUNCIL - 24 MARCH 2021**

The minutes of the Council meeting held on 24 March 2021 were submitted and approved as a correct record.

21/6 **ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS**

The Chair advised that he wished to acknowledge the work carried out by Democratic Services in facilitating Virtual meetings for members, during the pandemic.

The Chair reminded Members that, when voting, they leave their hands up until after their voted has been counted.

21/7 **POLITICAL BALANCE - ALLOCATION OF PLACES ON COMMITTEES - 2021 - 2022**

The Monitoring Officer presented a report in respect of Political Balance Allocation of Place 2021/2022, the purpose of which was to recommend the allocation of places on Committees and Sub-Committees for 2021/2022 in accordance with the political balance of the Council.

ORDERED as follows:

1. That the allocation of seats on committees that were subject to the rules relating to political balance be approved as follows:

Conservative - 11 seats

Labour - 68 seats

Middlesbrough Independent Group (MIG) - 49 seats

Middlesbrough Independent Councillors Association (MICA) - 38 seats

2. That the Monitoring Officer be authorised to fill the unallocated seats as indicated in paragraph 17 of the report, and to make any necessary further adjustments to remove or replace members where directed by the relevant group or member.

3. That any committee established prior to the next review be appointed on the basis of the places shown in Table 3 attached to the report.

21/8 **EXECUTIVE SCHEME OF DELEGATION**

As required by the Council's Constitution, a report was submitted setting out membership of the Executive appointed by the Mayor, included at Appendix B of the report. Details of the Executive Scheme of Delegation, were also included at Appendix A of the report, delegating responsibility for certain functions to the Executive, Individual Executive Members, Executive Sub-Committees, joint arrangements and, where appropriate, Officers of the Council.

ORDERED that the report be noted.

21/9 **COUNCIL COMMITTEES - ESTABLISHMENT - TERMS OF REFERENCE - ALLOCATION OF PLACES - MEMBERSHIPS - 2021 - 2022**

Council received a report of the Monitoring Officer, regarding the establishment of committees, sub-committees, boards, panels and working groups for the 2021 - 2022 Municipal Year, or until amended by Council, (whichever was the latter)

Schedule A of the report submitted set out the Executive and Executive Sub-Committees and Advisory Bodies as agreed by the Mayor.

Schedules B and C identified the nominations received from the various groups and individual Councillors for places on the committees to be established by the Council in accordance with Sections 15 and 16 of the Local Government Act 1989 and Local Government (Political Groups and Committees) Regulations 1990.

The report included a list of current vacancies on various committees and nominations were put forward at the meeting by the individual Members' concerned.

The Monitoring Officer advised, that in respect of the Chair of the Chief Officer Appointments Committee, only one nomination for Councillor Mawston had been received. As there were no further nominations received at the meeting, Councillor Mawston was confirmed as Chair of the Chief Officer Appointments Committee.

In respect of the Constitution and Members' Development Committee, the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Council were automatic appointments as the Chair and Vice-Chair of this Committee. The Monitoring Officer advised, that the MICA group would however be required to lose a place, following the appointment of Councillor Bell as Vice-Chair of the Constitution and Members' Development Committee.

1 Spare place: open to Independent Members: 1 nomination: Councillor McTigue: Councillor McTigue was automatically appointed to the spare place on the Constitution and Members' Development Committee.

The Monitoring Officer conducted a vote in respect of the role of Chair/Vice Chair and nominations for spare places, where applicable, in relation to the following committees:

Corporate Affairs and Audit Committee:

Chair: 2 nominations: Councillor Hubbard and Councillor Rooney

Following a vote, Councillor Hubbard was elected as Chair of Corporate Affairs and Audit Committee.

Vice-Chair: 2 nominations: Councillor Platt and Councillor Rooney

Following a vote, Councillor Platt was elected as Vice-Chair of Corporate Affairs and Audit Committee.

Corporate Health and Safety Committee

Chair: Only 1 nomination received: Councillor Branson

As there were no further nominations, Councillor Branson was elected as Chair of Corporate Health and Safety Committee.

Vice-Chair: As there were no nominations received for Vice-Chair, it was decided to **Defer** the appointment to the next meeting of the Council.

2 Spare Places:

1 Spare place open to all Councillors: 1 nomination: Councillor Coupe
Councillor Coupe was appointed to 1 spare place.

1 Spare place open to Independent Members: 1 nomination: Councillor McTigue: Councillor McTigue was automatically appointed to the remaining spare place on the Committee.

Corporate Parenting Board

Chair: 2 nominations: Councillor Davison and Councillor Hellaoui

Following a vote, Councillor Davison was elected as Chair of Corporate Parenting Board.

Vice-Chair: 2 nominations: Councillor Garvey and Councillor Higgins

Following a vote, Councillor Garvey was elected as Vice-Chair of Corporate Parenting Board.

Licensing Committee

Chair: 2 nominations: Councillor Arundale and Councillor J Walker

Following a vote, Councillor Arundale was elected as Chair of Licensing Committee.

Vice-Chair: 2 nominations: Councillor Polano and Councillor J Walker

Following a vote, Councillor Polano was elected as Vice-Chair of Licensing Committee.

2 Spare Places:

1 Spare place open to all Councillors: 1 nomination: Councillor Cooke

Councillor Cooke was appointed to 1 spare place on the Committee

1 Spare place open to Independent Members: 1 nomination: Councillor McTigue: Councillor McTigue was automatically appointed to the remaining spare place on the Committee.

Ad Hoc Scrutiny Panel

Chair: Automatic appointment: Chair of Overview and Scrutiny Board

2 Spare Places:

1 Spare place open to all Councillors: 2 nominations: Councillor Hellaoui and Mawston.

Following a vote, Councillor Mawston was appointed to one of the spare places on the Committee.

1 Spare place: open to Independent Members: 1 nomination: Councillor McTigue: Councillor McTigue was automatically appointed to the remaining spare place on the Committee.

Adult Social Care and Services Scrutiny Panel

Chair: 2 nominations: Councillor Platt and Councillor J Walker

Following a vote, Councillor Platt was elected as Chair of Adult Social Care and Services Scrutiny Panel.

Vice-Chair: 1 nomination: Councillor Wilson

As there were no further nominations, Councillor Wilson was elected as Vice-Chair of Adult Social Care and Services Scrutiny Panel.

Children and Young People's Learning Scrutiny Panel

Chair: 2 nominations: Councillor Hellaoui and Councillor Hill

Following a vote, Councillor Hill was elected as Chair of Children and Young People's Learning Scrutiny Panel.

Vice-Chair: 1 nomination: Councillor Mason

As there were no further nominations, Councillor Mason was elected as Vice-Chair of Children and Young People's Learning Scrutiny Panel.

Children and Young People's Social Care and Services Scrutiny Panel

Chair: 2 nominations: Councillor Garvey and Councillor Uddin

Following a vote, Councillor Garvey was elected as Chair of Children and Young People's Social Care and Services Scrutiny Panel.

Vice-Chair: 1 nomination: Councillor Dodds

As there were no further nominations, Councillor Dodds was elected as Vice-Chair of Children and Young People's Social Care and Services Scrutiny Panel.

Culture and Communities Scrutiny Panel

Chair: 2 nominations: Councillor Lewis and Councillor McIntyre

Following a vote, Councillor McIntyre was elected as Chair of Culture and Communities Scrutiny Panel

Vice-Chair: 2 nominations: Councillor Lewis and Councillor Wilson

Following a vote, Councillor Wilson was elected as Vice-Chair of Culture and Communities Scrutiny Panel

Economic Development, Environment and Infrastructure Scrutiny Panel

Chair: 2 nominations: Councillor Furness and Councillor S Walker

Following a vote, Councillor S Walker was elected as Chair of Economic Development, Environment and Infrastructure Scrutiny Panel

Vice-Chair: 1 nomination: Councillor Arundale

As there were no further nominations, Councillor Arundale was elected as Vice-Chair of Economic Development, Environment and Infrastructure Scrutiny Panel

Health Scrutiny Panel

Chair: 2 nominations: Councillor Coupe and Councillor Rooney

Following a vote, Councillor Coupe was elected as Chair of Health Scrutiny Panel

Vice-Chair: 2 nominations: Councillor Davison and Councillor Hellaoui

Following a vote, Councillor Davison was elected as Vice-Chair of Health Scrutiny Panel

Planning and Development Committee

Chair: 2 nominations: Councillor J Hobson and Councillor Rostron

Following a vote, Councillor J Hobson was elected as Chair of Planning and Development Committee

Vice-Chair: 1 nomination: Councillor Coupe

As there were no further nominations, Councillor Coupe was elected as Vice-Chair of Planning and Development Committee

Staff Appeals Committee

Chair: 2 nominations: Councillor Bell and Councillor Dean

Following a vote, Councillor Bell was elected as Chair of Staff Appeals Committee

Vice-Chair: 1 nomination: Councillor Sands

As there were no further nominations, Councillor Sands was elected as Vice-Chair of Staff Appeals Committee

Standards Committee

Chair: 1 nomination: Councillor Mawston

As there were no further nominations, Councillor Mawston was elected as Chair of Standards Committee

Vice-Chair: 1 nomination: Councillor Saunders

As there were no further nominations, Councillor Saunders was elected as Vice-Chair of Standards Committee

Teesside Pension Fund Committee

Chair: 2 nominations: Councillor Coupe and Councillor Furness

Following a vote, Councillor Coupe was elected as Chair of Teesside Pension Fund Committee

Vice-Chair: 2 nominations: Councillor Polano and Councillor Uddin

Following a vote, Councillor Polano was elected as Vice-Chair of Teesside Pension Fund Committee

Works Council

Chair: 1 nomination: Councillor High

As there were no further nominations, Councillor High was elected as Chair of Works Council

1 Spare Place: Open to all councillors: 1 nomination: Councillor Waters:
Councillor Waters was appointed to the spare place on the Committee

Overview and Scrutiny Board

Chair: 2 nominations: Councillor Saunders and Councillor Thompson

Following a vote, Councillor Saunders was elected as Chair of Overview and Scrutiny Board

Vice-Chair: 2 nominations: Councillor Mawston and Councillor M Storey

Following a vote, Councillor Mawston was elected as Vice-Chair of Overview and Scrutiny Board

ORDERED as follows:

1. That the terms of reference of committees, sub committees, boards panels and working groups, as detailed in the schedule to the report, be approved.
2. That subject to the receipt of nominations to vacancies or amendments to places indicated in the schedule to the report, that the places allocated in accordance with the wishes of the political groups and other councillors, be approved.
3. That the membership, size and terms of reference of the Executive and its sub-committees, approved by the Mayor for 2021 onwards, as set out in Schedule A, in the Appendix to the report, be noted.
4. That the vacancies, listed at Paragraph 6 of the report, be filled in accordance with political group and other councillors preferences.

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APPOINTMENTS BY THE COUNCIL AND EXECUTIVE TO JOINT COMMITTEES AND OUTSIDE BODIES - 2021 - 2022

The Monitoring Officer submitted a report regarding the appointment of representatives to joint committees and outside bodies.

ORDERED as follows:-

1. That appointments to the organisations shown in Appendices A (Council nominations) and B (Council/Executive nominations) of the report submitted, for the 2021/2022 Municipal Year be approved, until amended by Council/Executive, (whichever was the latter).

2. That the following appointments for the 2021-2022 Municipal Year, nominated at the meeting, be approved and noted, until amended by Council/Executive (whichever was the latter).

Appendix A – Council nominations

Durham Darlington Teesside Hambleton Richmondshire and Whitby STP Joint Committee

1 Vacancy: 1 nomination: Councillor D Rooney

Agreed that Councillor Rooney be appointed to the vacancy.

Tees Valley Health Scrutiny Joint Committee

1 MICA Vacancy: No nominations received.

Deferred to the next meeting of the Council

Tees Valley Combined Authority – Overview and Scrutiny Committee

1 Independent Member Vacancy: 1 nomination: Councillor C Hobson

Agreed that Councillor C Hobson be appointed to the vacancy.

Tees Valley Combined Authority – Audit and Governance Committee

1 Independent Member Vacancy: 1 nomination: Councillor Waters

Agreed that Councillor Waters be appointed to the vacancy.

Chemoxy

1 Vacancy (usually Central and North Ormesby Ward Councillors) 1 nomination: Councillor Uddin

Agreed that Councillor Uddin be appointed to the vacancy.

Cleveland Police and Crime Panel

1 Vacancy – MIG member – 1 nomination: Councillor Mawston

Agreed that Councillor Mawston be appointed to the vacancy.

Cleveland Show Society Committee

4 Places: 5 Nominations received: Councillors Bell, Dodds, C Hobson, J Hobson, J Thompson

Following a vote, it was agreed that Councillors Bell, Dodds, C Hobson and J Hobson, be appointed to the vacancies

North East Regional Joint Health Scrutiny Committee

1 Vacancy: 1 nomination: Councillor Hellaoui

Agreed that Councillor Hellaoui be appointed to the vacancy.

Northumbria Regional Flood Defence Committee (will also be required to sit on the Tees Valley Flood Risk Partnership)

1 Vacancy: No Nominations received

Deferred to the next meeting of the Council

Tees Valley Community Foundation – The Endowment Funds Advisory Board

1 Vacancy: No Nominations received

Deferred to the next meeting of the Council

Appendix B – Council/Executive Appointments

Middlesbrough Voluntary Development Agency

1 Vacancy: 1 nomination: Councillor J Thompson

Agreed that Councillor Thompson be appointed to the vacancy.

Appendix C – Executive Appointments

Resources and Finish Task Group (ANEC)

1 Vacancy: No nominations received

Deferred to the next meeting of the Council

Family Placement Panel

1 Vacancy: Further information required regarding appointment.

Deferred to next meeting of Council

Nunthorpe & Marton Playing Fields Association – Management Committee

1 Vacancy: 2 nominations: Councillor J Hobson and Councillor M Smiles

Following a vote, Councillor J Hobson was appointed to the vacancy

Staying Put Advisory Committee

1 Vacancy: 2 nominations: Councillor Cooke and Councillor Davison

Following a vote, Councillor Davison was appointed to the vacancy

Thorntree Community Hub

2 Vacancies: 3 Nominations: Councillors Purvis, Thompson and Wilson

Councillor Rooney queried whether the Outside Body could be approached to see if the Council could have an additional place on the community hub, given that the Ward had three elected members.

The Monitoring Officer advised that the Outside Body would be contacted to ascertain if they would be agreeable to the 3 Ward Councillors sitting on the Thorntree Community Hub.

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UPDATE TO THE CONSTITUTION

The Monitoring Officer advised that, in consultation with the Chair, the report in relation to the Update to the Constitution had been deferred to the next meeting of the Council.