

**HAMBLETON DISTRICT COUNCIL**

**Report To:** Council  
13 December 2011

**From:** Chief Executive

**Subject: CHANGES TO COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP**

All Wards  
Scrutiny Committees

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**1.0 PURPOSE AND BACKGROUND:**

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to request changes to the Membership of the Planning Committee, Scrutiny Committee 1 and Audit and Governance Committee.
- 1.2 Following the recent appoint of Councillor M S Robson to the Cabinet a vacancy has arisen on Scrutiny Committee 1.
- 1.3 A vacancy has arisen on the Planning Committee as a change in Cabinet Member roles means that Councillor T Swales is no longer eligible to a seat on the Committee.
- 1.4 A change in membership to the Audit and Governance Committee has also been requested.

**2.0 ALLOCATION OF SEATS:**

- 2.1 The Council is required to allocate seats on Committees and Panels in accordance with political proportionality and the wishes of Political Groups. The Conservative Group has indicated that it wishes Councillor N D Clack to replace Councillor M S Robson on Scrutiny Committee 1, Councillor D H Smith to replace Councillor T Swales on the Planning Committee and Councillor Mrs B S Fortune to replace Councillor K Billings on the Audit and Governance Committee.

**3.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS:**

- 3.1 It would be illegal for the Council not to comply with the wishes of the Conservative Group in this matter.

**4.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS AND EFFICIENCIES:**

- 4.1 There are no financial implications relating to this matter.

**5.0 RECOMMENDATIONS:**

- 5.1 It is recommended that:

- (1) Councillor N D Clack replaces Councillor M S Robson on Scrutiny Committee 1;
- (2) Councillor D H Smith replaces Councillor T Swales on the Planning Committee; and

- (3) Councillor Mrs B S Fortune replaces Councillor K Billings on the Audit and Governance Committee.

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**Background papers:** None

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