

HAMBLETON DISTRICT COUNCIL

Report To: Council
19 July 2016

From: Chief Executive

Subject: **APPOINTMENT TO COMMITTEES**

All Wards
Scrutiny Committee

1.0 PURPOSE AND BACKGROUND:

1.1 The purpose of this report is to consider a request by the Conservative Group to appoint a Member to the vacant seat on Scrutiny Committee and a request to change the membership of the Planning Committee.

2.0 ALLOCATION OF SEATS:

2.1 Committees must be constituted on the basis of available seats being allocated on the Council's overall political proportionality (so far as is "reasonably practicable") unless some other basis of allocation has been approved without any Member voting against it.

2.2 Following a recent vacancy in Northallerton South Ward, Councillor Caroline Dickinson became a Member in May 2016. Councillor Dickinson has indicated that she wishes to be a member of the Conservative Group. Therefore, the seat allocations on the Council remain:-

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| Conservatives | 36 |
| UKIP | 1 |

2.2 There remains a vacancy on Scrutiny Committee and the Conservative Group has requested that Councillor Dickinson become a Member of that Committee.

2.3 The Conservative Group has also requested that Councillor Mrs Janet Watson be replaced by Councillor Mike Barningham on the Planning Committee.

3.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS:

3.1 The Council is obliged to comply with the rules on proportionality and the wishes of Groups in allocating seats on Committees.

4.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

4.1 There are no Financial Implications associated with this report.

5.0 EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS:

5.1 Equality and Diversity Issues and have been considered however there are no issues associated with this report..

6.0 RECOMMENDATIONS:

6.1 It is recommended that:-

- (1) Councillor Dickinson be appointed as a member of Scrutiny Committee; and
- (2) Councillor Mrs Janet Watson be replaced by Councillor Mike Barningham on the Planning Committee.

JUSTIN IVES

Background papers: Notification of membership of political groups.

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