

HAMBLETON DISTRICT COUNCIL

Report To: Council
18 February 2014

From: Chief Executive

Subject: APPOINTMENT TO COMMITTEES

All Wards
Scrutiny Committees

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 set on Scrutiny Committee 1.

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 Topcliffe Ward, Councillor Key became a Member in December 2013. Councillor Key has indicated that he wishes to be a member of the Conservative Group. Therefore, the seat allocations on the Council remain:-

Conservatives	60
Liberal Democrats	4
Independents	6

2.2 There remains a vacancy on Scrutiny Committee 1 and the Conservative Group has requested that Councillor Key become a Member of that 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 None.

5.0 EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS:

5.1 None.

6.0 RECOMMENDATIONS:

6.1 It is recommended that Councillor Key be appointed as a member of Scrutiny Committee 1.

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Background papers: Notification of membership of political groups.

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