

## **Hambleton District Council**

**Report To:** Council  
**Date:** 14 December 2021  
**From:** Chief Executive  
**Subject:** **Appointment to Committees**  
**Wards Affected:** All Wards

Scrutiny Committee

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### **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 seats on the Scrutiny Committee and the Thirsk and Sowerby Swimming Baths Charity which arose following the resignation of a Council Member in October 2021.

1.2 A by-election was held on Thursday, 25 November 2021 and Councillor Philippa James was duly elected as the Ward Member for the Raskelf and White Horse Ward.

### **2.0 Allocation of Seats**

2.1 Committees must be constituted on the basis of available seats being allocated in line with 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 The Conservative Group has been consulted regarding the appointment of a Member to these vacancies and has requested that Councillor James be appointed to the Scrutiny Committee and the Thirsk and Sowerby Swimming Baths Charity.

### **3.0 Link to Council Priorities**

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 Risk Assessment**

4.1 There are no risks associated with this report.

### **5.0 Financial Implications**

5.1 There are no Financial Implications associated with this report.

## **6.0 Legal Implications**

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

## **7.0 Equalities and Diversity Issues**

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

## **9.0 Recommendations**

9.1 It is recommended that Councillor Philippa James be appointed to the vacancies on the Scrutiny Committee and the Thirsk and Sowerby Swimming Baths Charity.

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**Background papers:** None

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