

REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

MEMBERSHIP OF COMMITTEES

Purpose of the Report

1. To agree the revised allocation of committee seats following a recent change in political group membership, to ensure political proportionality, including increasing the number of seats on Overview Committee to 13 seats.
2. To make appointments to positions of Vice-Chairmen.
3. To note the change of title of the Cabinet Member for Children and Young People to Cabinet Member for Children and Families.

Information

4. The County Council is under a duty to review the allocation of committee seats to political Groups where there is a change to the membership of political Groups. As detailed in a previous report, Councillor Kane Oliver has joined the Independent Alliance Group and this has changed the overall political balance of the Council.
5. In determining the composition of Committees, account must be taken of the requirements of Section 15 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989. This requires that seats on Committees and Sub-Committees are allocated to the political Groups of the Council in a way which reflects the overall balance on the Council. The advice of the Monitoring Officer is that to comply with legislative requirements the allocation of seats should be based on overall seat numbers rather than on individual committee numbers.
6. It has been determined that in order to be able to achieve the required political balance across all committees, the number of seats on Overview Committee will be increased from 11 to 13.
7. In order to comply with legislative requirements, changes are proposed to the allocation of committee seats as set out in Appendix A.
8. Appropriate checks have also been made regarding the members nominated by the Council to sit on the Nottinghamshire and City of Nottingham Fire Authority the allocation of seats will remain as currently.

9. The Council is asked to approve the appointment of Councillor Francis Purdue-Horan as Vice-Chairman of the Children and Young People's Select Committee. All other Committee Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen appointments remain the same.
10. The Leader of the Council has informed the Monitoring Officer that the Cabinet Member for Children and Young People will now be known as Cabinet Member for Children and Families. The Monitoring Officer will update the Constitution accordingly.

Other Options Considered

11. It is possible to allocate the discretionary allocation of seats in a number of different permutations, but any allocation must still meet the principles set out in paragraph 3 above as far as is practical.

Reason/s for Recommendation/s

12. To meet the Council's duty to review the allocation of seats to political groups on a change in political group membership, in order to ensure seat allocation is made in accordance with the principles of proportionality prescribed by law.

Statutory and Policy Implications

13. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of crime and disorder, data protection and information governance finance, human resources, human rights, the NHS Constitution (public health services), the public sector equality duty, safeguarding of children and adults at risk, service users, smarter working, sustainability and the environment and where such implications are material they are described below. Appropriate consultation has been undertaken and advice sought on these issues as required.

Financial Implications

14. Committee Vice-Chairmen are entitled to claim Special Responsibility Allowances (SRAs), as agreed by Full Council in May 2022. A report Members' Allowances Scheme – Update report of the Independent Remuneration Panel is later on this agenda.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1) That the Council confirm the revised allocation of committee seats as set out in Appendix A, including the increase in number of seats on Overview Committee from 11 to 13 seats.
- 2) To appoint Councillor Francis Purdue-Horan as the Vice-Chairman of the Children and Young People's Select Committee until the Annual Meeting in May 2023.
- 3) To note the change of name of the Cabinet Member for Children and Young People to the Cabinet Member for Children and Families.

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Constitutional Comments (CEH 14/11/2022)

15. The matters within the report fall within the remit of Full Council.

Financial Comments (SES 15/11/2022)

16. There are no specific financial implications arising from this report.

Background Papers and Published Documents

Except for previously published documents, which will be available elsewhere, the documents listed here will be available for inspection in accordance with Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972.

- Establishment of Committees report to Full Council – 12 May 2022 (published)
- Members' Allowances Scheme – Report of the Independent Remuneration Panel report to Full Council – 12 May 2022 (published)
- Membership of Committees report to Full Council – 22 September 2022 (published)

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

- All