

Committee Name and Date of Committee Meeting

Council – 20 July 2022

Report Title

Amendments to appointment of Members to Committees, Boards and Panels.

Is this a Key Decision and has it been included on the Forward Plan?

No

Strategic Director Approving Submission of the Report

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Ward(s) Affected

Borough-Wide

Report Summary

This report informs Council of amendments to the nomination of Members to serve on Committees, Boards and Panels.

Recommendations

Council agrees the amendments to the nominations of Members to serve on the Committees, Boards and Panels as listed in the Mayor's Letter for the July Council Meeting.

List of Appendices Included

None

Background Papers

Membership of Political Groups on the Council, Political Balance and Entitlement to Seats to Full Council on 25 May 2022.

Mayoral Combined Authority Board Meeting - 6th June 2022

Consideration by any other Council Committee, Scrutiny or Advisory Panel

None

Council Approval Required

Yes

Exempt from the Press and Public

No

Amendments to appointment of Members to Committees, Boards and Panels.

1. Background

- 1.1 At its meeting on 25 May 2022, Council agreed the appointment of Members to committees, boards and panels, as set out on the schedule which was tabled at the meeting in the Mayors Letter.

2. Key Issues

- 2.1 Members are reminded that Section 16 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 states that where the Council has determined the allocation to different Groups of the seats to which the Act applies, it shall be the duty of the authority to give effect to a Group's wishes about who is to be appointed to the seats that they have been allocated.
- 2.2 Democratic Services have received notification that it has become necessary to make amendments to appointment of Members to serve on the committees, boards, and panels, that will be detailed in the Mayor's Letter when issued.
- 2.3 The Mayoral Combined Authority Board at its meeting on 6th June 2022 agreed to a reduction on a 1-year trial basis from 10 to 4 Members on the MCA Risk and Audit Committee. This means that the representation from Rotherham has gone from 2 Councillors to 1. The Political Balance of the Board is such that Rotherham's representative and substitute will be from the Conservative Party.

3. Options considered and recommended proposal

- 2.3 No alternative options were considered.
- 2.4 It is recommended that the appointments to the Committees, Boards and Panels be amended and noted as detailed in the Mayor's Letter for the July Council meeting.

3. Consultation on proposal

- 3.1 Consultation has taken place within the political groups themselves and with the members concerned.

4. Timetable and Accountability for Implementing this Decision

- 4.1 The amendments to the appointment of Members to the Committees, Boards and Panels listed in the Mayor's Letter will take affect from 20 July 2022, once approved.
- 4.2 Officers from within the Governance Unit will contact the members being appointed to those committees, boards, and panels to discuss their appointment and arrange any required committee specific training prior to the next schedule meeting.

5. Financial and Procurement Advice and Implications

5.1 There are no financial and procurement implications directly arising from this report.

6. Legal Advice and Implications

6.1 The composition and allocation of membership of the above bodies has been based on the relevant legislative requirements in accordance with the Council's Constitution.

7. Human Resources Advice and Implications

7.1 There are no human resources implications arising from this report.

8. Implications for Children and Young People and Vulnerable Adults

8.1 The appointment of members to serve on committees and other bodies of the council will indirectly impact on children and young people and vulnerable adults through the activities and decisions of those bodies. There are no apparent direct implications at the time of writing this report.

9. Equalities and Human Rights Advice and Implications

9.1 There are no equalities implications arising from the report. Political groups are required to have regard to the provisions of the Equality Act 2010 when nominating Member appointments to committees and other offices.

10. Implications for CO₂ Emissions and Climate Change

10.1 There are no implications for CO₂ Emissions and Climate Change arising from this report.

11. Implications for Partners

11.1 The appointment of councillors to serve on external bodies and partnerships is designed to have a positive impact on the council's relationship with those organisations and enhance the relationship through the presence of accountable and elected representatives.

12. Risks and Mitigation

12.1 By having regard to the detail of the report above in respect of meeting statutory requirements, any risk implications will have been mitigated. Consequently, there are no risks to be borne in mind in respect of the recommendations.

13. Accountable Officer(s)

Emma Hill, Acting Head of Democratic Services

Approvals obtained on behalf of:

	Named Officer	Date
Chief Executive	Sharon Kemp	Click here to enter a date.
Strategic Director of Finance & Customer Services (S.151 Officer)	Judith Badger	05/07/22
Assistant Director of Legal Services (Monitoring Officer)	Phillip Horsfield	05/07/22
Assistant Director of Human Resources (if appropriate)	Lee Mann (on behalf of ACEX)	29/06/22
Head of Human Resources (if appropriate)	n/a	Click here to enter a date.

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