

Title of Report	APPOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEES	
Presented by	Councillor Tony Gillard Group Whip	
Background Papers	Reports and Announcements made at the meeting on 7 September 2021.	Public Report: Yes
Financial Implications	An additional Special Responsibility Allowance is payable for the new Portfolio Holder in the sum of £7,540.65. Adjustments will need to be made to the recipient of the SRA payable for the Chair of the Community Scrutiny Committee but there will be no additional cost.	
	Signed off by the Section 151 Officer: Yes	
Legal Implications	In determining the membership of committees, account has been taken of the requirements of the Local Government (Committees and Political Groups) Regulations 1990 and 1991 made under sections 15 and 16 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989. These Regulations require that seats on committees and sub-committees are allocated to the political groups in a way which reflects the overall balance on the Council.	
	Signed off by the Monitoring Officer: Yes	
Staffing and Corporate Implications	None have been identified.	
	Signed off by the Head of Paid Service: Yes	
Purpose of Report	To seek nominations and appoint to the vacant positions which have arisen as a consequence of decisions made earlier in the meeting, should they be agreed.	
Recommendations	<p>(1) THAT AN APPOINTMENT BE MADE TO REPLACE COUNCILLOR K MERRIE ON THE COMMUNITY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE 2021/22 CIVIC YEAR;</p> <p>(2) THAT AN APPOINTMENT BE MADE TO REPLACE COUNCILLOR K MERRIE ON THE PLANNING COMMITTEE FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE 2021/22 CIVIC YEAR;</p> <p>(3) THAT AN APPOINTMENT BE MADE TO REPLACE COUNCILLOR K MERRIE ON THE LOCAL PLAN COMMITTEE FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE 2021/22 CIVIC YEAR;</p>	

	<p>(4) THAT AN APPOINTMENT BE MADE TO REPLACE COUNCILLOR K MERRIE AS CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMUNITY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE 2021/22 CIVIC YEAR; AS SET OUT IN PARAGRAPH 2.1.2</p> <p>(5) THAT AN APPOINTMENT BE MADE TO REPLACE TO REPLACE COUNCILLOR K MERRIE AS DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF THE LOCAL PLAN COMMITTEE FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE 2021/22 CIVIC YEAR; AS SET OUT IN PARAGRAPH 2.1.4</p> <p>(6) THAT THOSE LISTED IN THE ADDITIONAL PAPERS IN THE COMPLETED COLUMN OF THE TABLE SHOWN AT PARAGRAPH 2.2.4 BE APPOINTED AS SUBSTITUTES TO THE COMMITTEES AS SHOWN.</p>
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1.0 BACKGROUND

- 1.1 Earlier this evening, you will have heard the Leader announce some changes to his Executive arrangements. You will also have considered a report which seeks to make some changes to the Constitution, one of which is a proposed change to the Substitution Scheme. If agreed, these changes require nominations to be made to fill the consequential vacant seats.

2.0 CONSEQUENTIAL CHANGES

2.1 Executive Arrangements

- 2.1.1 The change to the Executive arrangements presents a conflict with regard to the membership of the Community Scrutiny Committee. This is because the Constitution states that a member of the Cabinet may not sit on a Scrutiny Committee. This report therefore seeks to appoint a member of the Conservative Group to the Community Scrutiny Committee to replace Councillor K Merrie. The group whip has been consulted and his nomination will be set out in the additional papers.
- 2.1.2 As Councillor K Merrie was also the chair of the Community Scrutiny Committee, an appointment needs to be made for a new Chair for the 2021/22 civic year. The group whips will be consulted ahead of the meeting and any nominations set out in the additional papers. Should there be more than one nomination, then a vote with a show of hands for each nominee, will be taken.
- 2.1.3 Councillor Merrie also sits on the Planning Committee and the Local Plan Committee, and, whilst there is nothing in the Constitution which prevents him from retaining these seats, he has taken the decision to step away so as prevent any perception of bias or conflict given his portfolio area. This report therefore seeks to appoint a member of the Conservative Group to the Planning Committee and the Local Plan Committee to replace Councillor K Merrie. The group whip has been consulted and his nominations will be set out in the additional papers.
- 2.1.4 As Councillor K Merrie was also the deputy chair of the Local Plan Committee, an appointment needs to be made for a new deputy chair for the 2021/22 civic year. The

group whips will be consulted ahead of the meeting and any nominations set out in the additional papers. Should there be more than one nomination, then a vote with a show of hands for each nominee will be taken.

2.1.5 As Councillor K Merrie was a substitute for the Corporate Scrutiny Committee, then this seat will need to be appointed to, as Cabinet Members may not substitute for Scrutiny Committee Members. This is addressed in the table referred to below.

2.2 Substitution Scheme

2.2.1 It was considered by members that the availability of substitutes was causing an issue, particularly in relation to Planning Committee where applications affect cross-ward boundaries. It was therefore agreed to double the number permitted under the current scheme and this report seeks to appoint the additional substitute members.

2.2.2 The Substitution Scheme now allows the following number of substitutes

- more than 5 seats – 6 substitutes
- 2 to 5 seats – 4 substitutes
- 1 seat - 2 substitutes.

2.2.3 It shall be the responsibility of a substitute member to keep up to date with the business of the body to which he or she has been appointed.

2.2.4 The table below sets out how many more substitute members each Group is entitled to for each Committee and the group whips have been consulted. The names of the nominees will be included in the additional papers and, if appointed, any necessary training to enable these roles will be arranged.

Committee	Group	Current Substitutes	No of additional Subs	Nominees
Planning	Con	R Ashman J Bridges E Allman	3	(1) (2) (3)
	Lab	R Johnson S Sheahan	2	(1) (2)
	Lib Dem	M French	1	(1)
	Ind Gp	n/a	0	n/a
Community Scrutiny	Con	J Clarke R Morris	2	(1) (2)
	Lab	D Bigby C Sewell	2	(1) (2)
	Lib Dem	A Black	1	(1)
	Ind Gp	A C Saffell	1	(1)
Corporate Scrutiny	Con	K Merrie V Richichi S Gillard	3 – but 4 names required (see para 2.1.5)	(1) (2) (3) (4)
	Lab	D Everitt R Johnson	2	(1) (2)
	Lib Dem	M French	1	(1)
	Ind Gp	C Benfield	1	(1)
Licensing	Con	R Boam L Gillard D Harrison	3	(1) (2) (3)
	Lab	J Geary R Johnson	2	(1) (2)
	Lib Dem	A Black	2	N/A – all group members

		J Windram		have a position.
Employment JCC	Ind Gp	C Benfield	1	(1)
	Con	S Gillard L Gillard	2	(1) (2)
	Lab	R Johnson	1	(1)
	Lib Dem	n/a	0	n/a
	Ind Gp	C Benfield	1	(1)
Investigatory	Con	R Bayliss G Hoult	2	(1) (2)
	Lab	D Everitt	1	(1)
	Lib Dem	A Black	1	(1)
	Ind Gp	n/a	0	n/a
Appointments	Con	R Bayliss N Rushton	2	(1) (2)
	Lab	J Legrys	1	(1)
	Lib Dem	n/a	0	n/a
	Ind Gp	C Benfield	1	(1)
Electoral Review WG	Con	R Bayliss T Gillard	2	(1) (2)
	Lab	C Sewell	1	(1)
	Lib Dem	M French	1	(1)
	Ind Gp	n/a	0	n/a
Local Plan	Con	J Clarke G Hoult, B Harrison-Rushton	3	(1) (2) (3)
	Lab	J Geary R Johnson	2	(1) (2)
	Lib Dem	A Black	1	(1)
	Ind Gp	R Canny	1	(1)

Policies and other considerations, as appropriate	
Council Priorities:	Supporting Coalville to be a more vibrant, family friendly town Support for businesses and helping people into local jobs Developing a clean and green district Local people live in high quality, affordable homes Our communities are safe, healthy and connected
Policy Considerations:	The Local Government (Committees and Political Groups) Regulations 1990 and 1991 made under sections 15 and 16 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989.
Safeguarding:	Not applicable
Equalities/Diversity:	All committees have a politically balanced make up
Customer Impact:	Not applicable
Economic and Social Impact:	Not applicable
Environment and Climate Change:	Not applicable
Consultation/Community Engagement:	Political Group Whips
Risks:	Failure to appoint to the relevant Committees would put the Council in breach of its duties and compromise the legality and integrity of any future decisions
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