

COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE

25 MAY 2021

MEMBERSHIP OF MEMBER/OFFICER GROUPS

REPORT BY THE DIRECTOR OF LEGAL AND DEMOCRATIC SERVICES

ABSTRACT

This Report gives details of the membership of Member/Officer Groups and provides the opportunity for members to review this in light of the changes to political balance as reported to Angus Council on 13 May 2021.

1. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Committee: -

- (i) note the changes to political balance as detailed in the Addendum to Report 136/21;
- (ii) note the current membership of the Flood Risk Management and the Road Safety Member/Officer Groups; and
- (iii) consider whether any changes are required as a consequence of (i) above.

2. ALIGNMENT TO THE COUNCIL PLAN

This Report contributes to the achievement of the priority that the Council is efficient and effective as detailed in our Council Plan for 2017 – 2022.

3. BACKGROUND

At the meeting of Angus Council on 11 May 2021 the Council considered Report 136/21 and the Addendum to that Report. Reference within Report 136/21 was that the membership of Member/Officer Groups would be considered by their respective Committees.

4. MEMBERSHIP OF MEMBER/OFFICER GROUPS

In terms of Standing Order 32(4), in appointing members to Committees the Council “shall, so far as possible give effect to the principles of regarding political balance”.

While this Standing Order does not apply to Member/Officer Groups, the Council has, by custom and practice, sought to comply with the same principles.

The membership of each MOWG established under this Committee is as detailed below.

Flood Risk Management Group – 4 elected members

Current Membership – Councillors Bill Duff, Craig Fotheringham, Ian McLaren and Ronnie Proctor MBE.

Group	Current Membership	New Allocation - Admin – 54%; SNP 32%; Non Aligned – 14%	Variation to membership
Admin	3	2 (2.16)	-1
SNP	1	1 (1.28)	No change
Non Aligned	0	1 (0.56)	+1

Road Safety MOWG – 6 Elected Members

Current Membership – Councillors Kenny Braes, Mark McDonald, Ian McLaren, Richard Moore, Mark Salmond, Tommy Stewart.

Group	Current Allocation	New Allocation - Admin – 54%; SNP 32%; Non Aligned – 14%	Variation to membership
Admin	4	3 (3.24)	-1
SNP	2	2 (1.92)	No change
Non Aligned	0	1 (0.84)	+1

5. PROPOSALS

As the current political balance on the Council is Admin: 54%; SNP: 32% and Non Aligned: 14%, members are asked to review the current memberships as detailed above and make any changes, if so minded.

6. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

None.

7. EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

An Equality Impact Assessment is not required.

NOTE: No background papers, as detailed by Section 50D of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 (other than any containing confidential or exempt information) were relied on to a material extent in preparing the above report.

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