

POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE

8 JUNE 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) notes the changes to political balance as detailed in the Addendum to Report No. 136/21;
- (ii) notes the current membership of the Governance; Climate Change and Golf Governance Member/Officer Groups; and
- (iii) considers whether any changes are required as a consequence of (i) above.

2. ALIGNMENT TO THE COUNCIL PLAN

This Report contributes to the achievement of our 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 13 May 2021, the Council considered Report No. 136/21 and the Addendum to that Report. Reference within Report No. 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, normally sought to comply with the same principles albeit a slightly different approach was taken with the Golf Governance MOWG due to its circumstances as outlined below.

The membership of each MOG established under this Committee is as detailed below. (Please note the figures in brackets in column 3 in each table show number of members allocated to two decimal points based on percentages shown.)

Governance MOG – 8 members

Current Membership – Councillors Richard Moore, David Cheape, Alex King, Sheila Hands, Mark Salmond, Ron Sturrock, Ian McLaren and Lois Speed.

Group	Current Membership	New Allocation	Variation to membership
		Admin 54%	
		SNP 32%	
		Non-Aligned 14%	
Admin	4	4 (4.32)	No change
SNP	2	3 (2.56)	+1

Non Aligned	2	1 (1.12)	-1
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Climate Change MOG – 6 members

Current Membership – Councillors Ian McLaren, Lynne Devine, Bill Duff, Ben Lawrie, Ronnie Proctor MBE and Lois Speed.

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

Golf Governance – 8 members

Reference is made to Article 16 of the minute of the Policy and Resources Committee of 26 November 2019 and exempt Report No. 404/19 which set out the proposals to establish a Member/Officer Group to undertake a review of all golf courses that Angus Council had an interest in. The membership of the Golf Governance MOG as detailed below was populated by the Directors from their respective Golf Clubs of which the Council had an interest. In keeping with that decision of Policy and Resources Committee no change would be required to the Golf Governance MOG.

Current Membership – Councillors Brian Boyd, David Cheape, Bill Duff, Derek Wann, Craig Fotheringham, Alex King, Ben Lawrie, and Bob Myles.

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

There are no financial implications.

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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