

ANGUS COUNCIL

DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS COMMITTEE

10 AUGUST 2021

MEMBERSHIP OF THE DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT REVIEW COMMITTEE

REPORT BY THE DIRECTOR OF LEGAL AND DEMOCRATIC SERVICES

ABSTRACT

This Report provides details of the membership of the Development Management Review Committee and presents 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 Development Management Review Committee; and
- (iii) considers whether any changes are required as a consequence of (i) above, taking into account the options detailed at paragraph 5 below.

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. As a result changes were made to the membership of the Development Standards Committee with Councillor Myles no longer being a member of the Committee. As the membership of the Development Management Review Committee (DMRC) requires to be made up of members from the Development Standards Committee, Councillor Myles is also no longer a member of the DMRC and there is now a requirement to fill the vacancy.

At a meeting of the Development Standards Committee held on 15 June 2021, members considered the filling of the vacancy and agreed that as a result of the changes to political balance, then a further Report detailing options for consideration be presented to a future meeting of this Committee.

4. MEMBERSHIP OF THE DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT REVIEW COMMITTEE

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".

Currently the membership of the DMRC is as detailed below. (Please note the figures in brackets in column 3 in each table show number of members allocated to one decimal point based on percentages shown.)

Current Membership – Councillors Nicol, Moore, Duff, King and one vacancy as detailed above.

| Group | Current Membership | New Allocation | | Variation to membership |
|-------------|--------------------|----------------|-----|-------------------------|
| | | Admin | 54% | |
| | | SNP | 32% | |
| | | Non-Aligned | 14% | |
| Admin | 3 | 3 (2.7) | | No change |
| SNP | 2 | 2 (1.6) | | No change |
| Non Aligned | - | 1 (0.7) | | +1 |

Having regard to the information detailed within the table above, one non-aligned member would be eligible for a place on the Committee.

5. OPTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

As the current membership is 5, members of the Committee are requested to review the current membership having regard to the information as detailed above and make any changes, if so minded. Two options are detailed below for consideration.

Option 1 – increase the current membership to 6 (3 Admin, 2 SNP & 1 non-aligned); and
Option 2 – should one of the non-aligned members not wish to take up a place on the Committee then for the membership to remain at 5 at this time.

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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