

ANGUS COUNCIL

POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE

21 JUNE 2022

APPOINTMENT OF SUB COMMITTEES;

MEMBERS/OFFICER GROUPS AND OTHER AD

HOC GROUPS

REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF LEGAL AND DEMOCRATIC SERVICES

ABSTRACT

This report deals with the appointment of members to various sub committees and associated Groups.

The Committee is asked:

1. RECOMMENDATION(S)

- (i) To note the provisions of Standing Orders 33 and 34;
- (ii) To appoint 3 members to the Personnel Appeal Sub Committee and to appoint a Convener and Vice Convener;
- (iii) To appoint 3 members to the Executive Sub Committee and to appoint a Convener and Vice Convener;
- (iv) To appoint 6 members to the Special Sub Committee and to appoint a Convener and Vice Convener;
- (v) To appoint 6 members to the Central Consultative Committee in accordance with paragraph (ii) of the constitution (ie: six members of Angus Council including the Convener and Vice- Convener of the Policy and Resources Committee and the Convener and Vice Convener of the Children and Learning Committee);
- (vi) To appoint 3 members to the Capital Programme Monitoring Group and to appoint a Chair;
- (vii) To appoint 6 members to the Governance Review Group and to agree to appoint the Director of Legal and Democratic Services as the Chair.

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

The following Standing Orders are relevant in terms of members' consideration of this Report and in making the appropriate appointments.

33. Appointment of Sub-Committees

(1) Subject to any statutory provision, and to these Standing Orders, each Standing Committee shall appoint the Standing Sub-Committees specified in its Order of Reference, and may at any time appoint such other Sub-Committees for any purpose as it deems necessary.

(2) Each Standing Committee (excluding Development Standards and Civic Licensing) shall appoint an Executive Sub-Committee comprising three members of the Committee, with delegated powers to decide any matter (other than a matter affecting Council policy):-

(i) which would normally be decided by the Standing Committee but which, by reason of its urgency, requires to be decided upon during the annual recess of the Council (which normally is regarded as the day after the last meeting of full Council in June each year and the first meeting of a standing committee taking place in August) or, in the case of acceptance of tenders, outwith the approved timetable of meetings and the delegated powers contained in Section 16.8 and Appendix 1 of Financial Regulations, relating to Procurement Arrangements; and

(ii) which has been specifically referred by the Committee for consideration, at other times of the year.

The Convener of the Committee, following consultation with the Director of Legal and Democratic Services, shall determine whether a matter is urgent or is policy in terms.

34. Membership of Sub-Committees

(1) In appointing members to Sub-Committees, a Standing Committee shall, so far as possible, give effect to the principles regarding political balance set out in the 1989 Act save in the case of the Scrutiny and Audit Committee.

(2) Members shall be appointed to Standing Sub-Committees at the first meeting of the parent Committee after the ordinary election of Councillors. It shall, however, be competent for the Committee to vary the membership at any time thereafter, provided the political balance referred to in (1) above is maintained, so far as possible.

(3) In appointing any Sub-Committee, a Standing Committee shall appoint members to be Convener and Vice Convener thereof, who shall hold office for such period as the Committee shall specify at the time of appointment (or if no period is fixed, for the life of the Council).

In accordance with Standing Order 33 (1) the undernoted are listed under the Order of Reference of the Policy and Resources Committee:

(1) Personnel Appeals Sub-Committee

Remit -To consider and determine appeals raised by employees in respect of appeals against dismissal.

Membership is 3. Custom and practice has been that the Convener and Vice Convener of the parent Committee are appointed to the sub committee with one other member making up the membership.

(2) Executive Sub Committee

In accordance with Standing Order 33(2) the Committee are required to appoint three members.

(3) Special Sub Committee

In addition, there is a Special Sub Committee to respond to the Boundary Commission for Scotland on any proposed changes to Parliamentary constituencies, Membership of 6.

The Committee are asked to appoint 6 members

Other Groups

Over and above these formal sub committees there are a number of other Groups associated with the Policy and Resources Committee. It has been custom and practice in appointing members to these Groups that the principles of political balance are also applied.

Details of these Groups are listed below:-

Central Consultative Committee

The composition of the Central Consultative Committee is:

- (i) A representative or representatives of each trade union and teacher association recognised by the Council on the basis of one representative per 300 members, or a proportion of one full time equivalent dependent on member numbers, subject to each union or teacher association with in excess of 50 members being entitled to a minimum of one representative.
- (ii) Six members of Angus Council including the Convener and Vice- Convener of the Policy and Resources Committee and the Convener and Vice Convener of the Children and Learning Committee.

Remit- To provide a means of consultation between the Council and its employees by way of discussion with recognised trade unions and associations on employment and related matters, including health and safety.

The Committee is asked to appoint six members in accordance with (ii) above.

Capital Projects Monitoring Group

Remit - To monitor spend on the Capital Programme

The Committee is asked to appoint 3 members and to appoint a Chair

Governance Review Group

To review the current governance arrangements including the Council's Standing Orders, the Order of Reference of Committees and the Scheme of Delegation to Officers.

The Committee is asked to appoint 6 members and to appoint the Director of Legal and Democratic Services as the Chair

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

4.1 There are no financial implications arising directly from this report.

5. EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

5.1 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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