

ANGUS COUNCIL

DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS COMMITTEE

13 SEPTEMBER 2022

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 following the local government elections held in May 2022.

1. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Committee:

- (i) notes the current political composition of the Council as detailed below;
- (ii) notes the current membership of the Development Management Review Committee;
- (iii) considers whether any changes are required as a consequence of (i) above, taking into account the options detailed at paragraph 5 below; and
- (iv) appoint one non-aligned member to the Committee if option 1 is agreed.

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

Local Government elections were held in May 2022 and a result, the political composition of the Council and allocation to Committees is as follows:-

Administration – 15 members (54%)
 Opposition – 10 members (36%)
 Non-Aligned – 3 members (11%)

Members of the Review Committee were appointed at a meeting of the Development Standards Committee held on 21 June 2022 at which time members agreed that as a result of the changes to the political composition of the Council, a Report detailing options in terms of the membership be presented for consideration 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 two decimal points based on percentages shown.)

Group	Current Membership	New Allocation	Variation to membership
		Admin 54%	
		Opposition 36%	
		Non-Aligned 11%	
Admin	3	3 (2.70)	No change
Opposition	2	2 (1.80)	No change
Non-Aligned	-	1 (0.55)	+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 Opposition & 1 Non-Aligned); or
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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