

**Bolsover District Council**

**Council**

**3 November 2021**

**PROPORTIONALITY AND APPOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEES AND  
ADVISORY GROUPS**

**Report of the Monitoring Officer**

**Classification:** This report is public

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**PURPOSE / SUMMARY**

- To make amendments to the appointment of Members to the Council's Committees and Advisory Groups for the 2021/22 Municipal Year following a change to the Council's political groups affecting proportionality.
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**REPORT DETAILS**

**1 Background** *(reasons for bringing the report)*

- 1.1 There has been a change in the numbers within two political groups of the Authority following a Members wish to realign themselves. This affects the overall proportionality of allocation of committee seats, and accordingly this should be revised at the earliest opportunity.
- 1.2 This report therefore brings forward the allocation of seats to political groups in accordance with the Political Balance rules.

**2. Details of Proposal or Information**

- 2.1 **Appendix 1** to the report sets out the allocation of committee seats which best meets the requirements of Section 15 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 as far as is reasonably practicable.
- 2.2 **Appendix 2** sets out the current appointments to committees as per the previous allocation. Political Groups are able to make changes where necessary to their appointments to Committees, and nominations to and removals from committees are requested in some instances.

- 2.3 Members should discuss any changes to Committee and Advisory Group Appointments with the Leaders of their Political Groups in advance of the Council meeting.
- 2.4 The Committees are subject to the political balance requirements of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989. The Advisory Groups are not subject to the political balance requirements.

### **3 Reasons for Recommendation**

- 3.1 The report recommends that the allocation of Committee seats detailed in **Appendix 1** best meets the requirements of section 15 of the Local Government and Housing Act a far as reasonable practicable.
- 3.2 Existing appointments to Committees are detailed in **Appendix 2** requesting amendments from political groups.

### **4 Alternative Options and Reasons for Rejection**

- 4.1 The Council may make amendments to the nominations to committees within the proportionality agreed before and up to the discussion of this matter at the meeting. Any further revisions will be brought before a meeting of Council.
- 4.2 Members may consider that they wish to remain status quo for the remainder of the municipal year for reasons such as maintaining the continuity of the work of the Committees. In that instance, Members would reject the report recommendations and agree to continue with the previously agreed allocation through to May 2022.

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## **RECOMMENDATIONS**

1. That the proportionality set out in Appendix appointments to committees as set out in Appendix 1 be agreed; and
2. That the appointment to committees as set out in Appendix 2 be agreed as amended verbally in the meeting.

Approved by the Portfolio Holder - Cllr Duncan McGregor, Executive Member for Corporate Governance

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## **IMPLICATIONS**

**Finance and Risk:**      Yes       No

On Behalf of the Section 151 Officer

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**Legal (including Data Protection):**

Yes

No

**Details:**

The Council is required to decide the allocation of seats to political groups in accordance with the Political Balance rules.

On Behalf of the Solicitor to the Council

**Staffing:**

Yes

No

On behalf of the Head of Paid Service

## DECISION INFORMATION

Decision Information	
<b>Is the decision a Key Decision?</b> A Key Decision is an executive decision which has a significant impact on two or more District wards or which results in income or expenditure to the Council above the following thresholds:  <b>BDC:</b> Revenue - £75,000 <input type="checkbox"/> Capital - £150,000 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>NEDDC:</b> Revenue - £100,000 <input type="checkbox"/> Capital - £250,000 <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Please indicate which threshold applies	No
<b>Is the decision subject to Call-In?</b> (Only Key Decisions are subject to Call-In)	No
<b>District Wards Significantly Affected</b>	None
<b>Consultation:</b> Leader / Deputy Leader <input type="checkbox"/> Cabinet / Executive <input type="checkbox"/> SAMT <input type="checkbox"/> Relevant Service Manager <input type="checkbox"/> Members <input type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes  Details: Group Leaders

**Links to Council Ambition (BDC)/Council Plan (NED) priorities or Policy Framework including Climate Change, Equalities, and Economics and Health implications.**

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## DOCUMENT INFORMATION

Appendix No	Title
1	Proportionality of the Council
2	Current Appointments to Committees
<p><b>Background Papers</b> (These are unpublished works which have been relied on to a material extent when preparing the report. They must be listed in the section below. If the report is going to Cabinet (NEDDC) or Executive (BDC) you must provide copies of the background papers)</p>	
<p><b>None</b></p>	