

BOLSOVER DISTRICT COUNCIL

Meeting of Council on 3rd December 2025

Appointments to Committees and Advisory Groups

Report of the Director of Governance and Legal Services & Monitoring Officer

Classification	This report is Public
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PURPOSE/SUMMARY OF REPORT

To report to Council changes to the allocation of Committee seats following a request received from the Independent Group to change its nomination for the Housing Liaison Board.

REPORT DETAILS

1. Background

- 1.1 In October 2025, a request was received from the Independent Group to replace Councillor Tait with Councillor Peake on the Housing Liaison Board.
- 1.2 The political make up on the Council remains the same with: Labour – 22 Councillors, Independent Group – 11 Councillors, Conservative – 2 Councillors, Reform – 1 Councillor, and 1 independent Councillor therefore this request does not affect the political balance requirements.
- 1.3 This report therefore brings forward the proposed amendment to the allocation of seats on the Housing Liaison Board.

2. Details of Proposal or Information

- 2.1 **Appendix 1** sets out the appointments agreed at Council in October 2025 and includes the proposed change to the Housing Liaison Board.
- 2.2 Section 15 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 establishes the rules for allocation of the seats to councillors. These are as follows:
 - (a) that not all the seats on the body are allocated to the same political group;

- (b) that the majority of the seats on the body is allocated to a particular political group if the number of persons belonging to that group is a majority of the authority's membership;
 - (c) subject to paragraphs (a) and (b) above, that the number of seats on the ordinary committees of a relevant authority which are allocated to each political group bears the same proportion to the total of all the seats on the ordinary committees of that authority as is borne by the number of members of that group to the membership of the authority; and
 - (d) subject to paragraphs (a) to (c) above, that the number of the seats on the body which are allocated to each political group bears the same proportion to the number of all the seats on that body as is borne by the number of members of that group to the membership of the authority.
- 2.3 The key principle is (b) that the majority of seats on each committee should be allocated to the majority group. On all current committees the Labour group have a majority of one seat. The proposed change does not impact the political balance requirements.
- 2.4 It has been requested that Councillor Tait be replaced by Councillor Peake on the Housing Liaison Board.

3. Reasons for Recommendation

- 3.1 The report recommends changes to the allocation of Committee seats on the Housing Liaison Board as requested by the Independent Group as detailed in **Appendix 1**.

4 Alternative Options and Reasons for Rejection

- 4.1 None.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

That the Councillor Peake be appointed to the Housing Liaison Board in place of Councillor Tait.

Approved by Councillor Donna Hales, Deputy Leader & Portfolio Holder
for Corporate Governance

<u>Finance and Risk</u>	Yes ☐	No ☒
Details:		
There are no finance or risk implications arising from this report		
On behalf of the Section 151 Officer		

<u>Legal (including Data Protection)</u>	Yes ☒	No ☐
Details: The Council is required to decide the allocation of seats to political groups in accordance with the Political Balance rules set out in the Local Government and Housing Act 1989.		
On behalf of the Solicitor to the Council		
<u>Staffing</u>	Yes ☐	No ☒
Details: There are no staffing implications arising from this report.		
On behalf of the Head of Paid Service		
<u>Equality and Diversity, and Consultation</u>	Yes ☐	No ☒
Details: There are no Equality and Diversity, and Consultation implications arising from this report.		
<u>Environment</u>	Yes ☐	No ☒
Please identify (if applicable) how this proposal/report will help the Authority meet its carbon neutral target or enhance the environment.		
Details: There are no Environmental implications arising from this report.		

DECISION INFORMATION

☒ Please indicate which threshold applies:	
Is the decision a Key Decision? A Key Decision is an Executive decision which has a significant impact on two or more wards in the District or which results in income or expenditure to the Council above the following thresholds:	Yes ☐ No ☒
Revenue (a) Results in the Council making Revenue Savings of £75,000 or more or (b) Results in the Council incurring Revenue Expenditure of £75,000 or more.	(a) ☐ (b) ☐
Capital (a) Results in the Council making Capital Income of £150,000 or more or (b) Results in the Council incurring Capital Expenditure of £150,000 or more.	(a) ☐ (b) ☐
District Wards Significantly Affected: <i>(to be significant in terms of its effects on communities living or working in an area comprising two or more wards in the District)</i> Please state below which wards are affected or tick All if all wards are affected:	All ☐

None	
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Is the decision subject to Call-In? <i>(Only Key Decisions are subject to Call-In)</i>	Yes ☐ No ☒
If Yes, is the call-in period to be waived in respect of the decision(s) proposed within this report? <i>(decisions may only be classified as exempt from call-in with the agreement of the Monitoring Officer)</i>	Yes ☐ No ☐
Consultation carried out: <i>(this is any consultation carried out prior to the report being presented for approval)</i>	Yes ☒ No ☐
Leader ☒ Deputy Leader ☒ Executive ☐ SLT ☐ Relevant Service Manager ☐ Members ☐ Public ☐ Other ☐	

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DOCUMENT INFORMATION	
Appendix No	Title
1	Appointments to Committees

Background Papers
<i>(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 Executive you must provide copies of the background papers).</i>
None