

To the Chair and Members of the COUNCIL

# APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRS AND VICE-CHAIRS OF COMMITTEES AND SUB-COMMITTEES

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1. This report seeks nominations for the appointment of Members to serve as Chairs and Vice-Chairs on Committees and Sub-Committees, as attached at Appendix A of the report.

#### RECOMMENDATIONS

2. That the Council determines the appointment of Chairs and Vice-Chairs of Committees and Sub-Committees of the Council, listed at Appendix A of the report.

## WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR THE CITIZENS OF DONCASTER?

3. The Council has a legal requirement to appoint a Chair to all of its Committees. The Council is committed to maintaining the highest standards of governance. By appointing Chairs and Vice-Chairs to Committees and Panels, the Council satisfies this requirement and citizens will know who Chair these meetings.

#### BACKGROUND

- 4. At the Annual Meeting of Council, appointments are made to the positions of Chair and Vice-Chair of Committees and Sub-Committees of the Council, including Overview and Scrutiny Panels, for the ensuing Municipal Year. A number of these positions attract a special responsibility allowance detailed in the Member Allowance Scheme set out within Part 6 of the Council Constitution.
- 5. It should be noted that in line with best practice, Council has previously endorsed the principle that the Health and Wellbeing Board should be Chaired by the Portfolio Holder responsible for Public Health. This is reflected in the table at Appendix A.
- 6. Members are also asked to note that in accordance with Rule 3 of the Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules, as detailed in the Constitution, Council should ensure that not all Chairs and Vice-Chairs are drawn from the same political party. This is in line with current best practice which seeks to ensure that Members outside the majority group, have an opportunity to help shape and influence the strategic Overview and Scrutiny agenda.

# OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REASONS FOR RECOMMENDED OPTION

7. The appointment of Chairs and Vice-Chairs to Committees and Sub-Committees of the Council, is a statutory requirement. Therefore, no other options are considered relevant or appropriate.

# IMPACT ON THE COUNCIL'S KEY PRIORITIES

8. This report has no direct impact on the Council's Key Priorities.

#### **RISKS AND ASSUMPTIONS**

9. There are no identified risks or assumptions relevant to this report.

## LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

10. There are no specific legal implications associated with this report.

#### FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

11. The Members' Allowances Scheme makes provision for Special Responsibility Allowances to be paid to some Chair and Vice-Chair positions on Committees and Sub-Committees.

#### HUMAN RESOURCES IMPLICATIONS

12. There are no human resources implications associated with this report.

#### **TECHNOLOGY IMPLICATIONS**

13. There are no technology implications associated with this report.

#### EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS

14. There are no specific equality implications arising from this report.

#### CONSULATION

15. Consultation has taken place with Group Leaders in respect of the proportional allocation of seats and the appointment of Chairs and Vice-Chairs on Committees and Sub-Committees, prior to this meeting taking place.

## BACKGROUND PAPERS: Council Constitution.

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# **APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRS & VICE-CHAIRS**

	<u>CHAIR</u> (Nomination Required)	VICE-CHAIR (Nomination Required)
Overview & Scrutiny Management Committee		
Community & Environment Overview & Scrutiny Panel		
Regeneration & Housing Overview & Scrutiny Panel		
Children & Young People's Overview & Scrutiny Panel		
Health & Adult Social Care Overview & Scrutiny Panel		
Planning Committee		
Elections & Democratic Structures Committee		
Chief Officers' Appointments Committee		
Awards, Grants & Transport (Appeals) Committee		
Chief Officer Appeals Committee		
Audit Committee		
Employee Relations Disputes Resolution Committee		
Chief Officers Investigatory Sub-Committee		
Licensing Committee		
Health & Wellbeing Board	Portfolio Holder for Public Health	