



Doncaster Council

17th November, 2022

**To the Chair and Members of the
COUNCIL**

LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND HOUSING ACT 1989 – PROPOSED REVISION TO THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE PARISH COUNCILS’ JOINT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1. The purpose of this report is to note the proposed revision to the membership of the Parish Councils’ Joint Consultative Committee.

RECOMMENDATION

2. It is recommended that Council notes the appointment of Councillor Rachael Blake to replace Councillor Mark Houlbrook on the Parish Councils’ Joint Consultative Committee.

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR THE CITIZENS OF DONCASTER?

3. The Council is committed to maintaining the highest standards of governance. By appointing to Committees in line with recommendations within this report, the Council satisfies its legal requirements for appointments to Committees.

BACKGROUND

4. At the Annual Meeting held on 20th May, 2022, Council determined the allocation of seats on Committees and Sub-Committees, having regard to political balance in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 and also appointed the Chairs and Vice Chairs of Committees and Sub-Committees.
5. Subsequently and in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 7.1, the Group Leader of the Labour Group, Ros Jones, has notified the Monitoring Officer, Scott Fawcus, that the Labour Group wishes to change its Group representation on the Parish Councils’ Joint Consultative Committee and appoint Councillor Rachael Blake to replace Councillor Mark Houlbrook.

OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REASONS FOR RECOMMENDED OPTION

6. The Council has a statutory duty to review the allocation of seats to Political Groups at its Annual Meeting in accordance with the provisions of Sections 15, 16 and 17 of the Local Government and Housing Act, 1989.
7. When determining the allocation of seats, Council must follow the wishes expressed by Political Groups. Therefore, no other options are considered relevant or appropriate.

IMPACT ON THE COUNCIL'S KEY OUTCOMES

8. Ensuring the membership of the Council's Committee's is in place to effectively discharge its responsibilities will ensure that the Council is able to contribute to the delivery of all of the Council's Key Outcomes. In particular, these arrangements will assist the Council in working with our partners to provide strong leadership and governance.

RISKS AND ASSUMPTIONS

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

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS [Officer Initials HMP Date 09.08.22]

10. Further to Section 16 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989, the Council has a duty to exercise its powers to make appointments to Committees as to give effect to such wishes about who is to be appointed to the seats on that Committee which are allocated to a particular Political Group as are expressed by that Political Group.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS [Officer Initials PH Date 09.08.22]

11. There are no specific financial implications associated with this report. There are no new positions being proposed and so the existing Members Ward Office budget is expected to be sufficient.

HUMAN RESOURCES IMPLICATIONS [Officer Initials SH Date 10.08.22]

12. There are no HR implications associated with the contents of this report.

TECHNOLOGY IMPLICATIONS [Officer Initials PW Date 12.08.22]

13. There are no technology implications in relation to this report. Governance and Members Services will be responsible for updating the changes in the modern.gov system, where applicable.

HEALTH IMPLICATIONS [Officer Initials RS Date 12.08.22]

14. There are no direct health implications from this report. However, the individual Committees all contribute to improving the health and wellbeing of Doncaster people and reducing health inequalities. Committee Members can seek further advice from the Director of Public Health if required.

EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS [Officer Initials DMT Date 28.07.22]

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

CONSULTATION

16. Consultation has taken place with the Group Leader of the Labour Group in respect of this report.

BACKGROUND PAPERS:

Report to Annual Council – 20th May, 2022 - Local Government & Housing Act 1989 - Review of Allocation of Seats on Committees & Sub-Committees.

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