



## Public Session

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**Title: Committee Places**

### Summary:

This report provides, for approval, the group nominations for Councillor appointments to Committees and the appointments of CEF Chairs and Access Selby Board members at Annual Council on 19 May 2015.

### Recommendation:

- i. That the Council appoints the Councillors listed in Appendix A to Committees for the 2015/16 municipal year.
- ii. That Council appoints the Councillors listed at Appendix B to the post of CEF Chair and to Access Selby Board for the 2015/16 municipal year.
- iii. That Council approve the start times for meetings as set out in Appendix C

### Reasons for recommendations

To meet legislative requirements and to enable the proper functioning of the Council in the 2015/16 municipal year.

#### 1. The Report

- 1.1 Each year Annual Council receives Group Leaders' nominations for appointments to Chairs and Vice Chairs and for the membership of Council committees.

- 1.2 Council also receives nominations for the post of CEF Chair for each CEF and for membership of Access Selby Board.
- 1.3 The list of nominations for the Chairs, Vice Chairs and members of Council committees for 2015/16 is attached at Appendix A.
- 1.4 The CEFs and Access Selby Board operate as advisory committees in that they include in their membership persons who are not Councillors of the District. The nominations for the posts of CEF Chairs and for Access Selby Board for 2015/6 is attached at Appendix B
- 1.5 In relation to Access Selby Board it is proposed that the membership comprise 3 Conservative Members and 1 Labour Member in line with political balance and 1 co-opted member with relevant experience to be appointed.
- 1.6 A review of the CEFs was undertaken in the last municipal year. The results will be reported to Council in June. The Council must appoint the chair of each CEF but that person need not be a sitting Councillor. In order to provide continuity for the CEFs through to the completion of the review it is proposed that two of the CEF Chairs continue in that role notwithstanding that they are not current elected Councillors.
- 1.7 Each year Council also approves the start times for meeting of the Council and the committees. The proposed list of start times is attached at Appendix C

### **3 Legal/Financial Controls and other Policy matters**

#### **3.1 Legal Issues**

Section 15 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 places a duty on the Council to allocate seats on Ordinary Committees of the Council between the political groups in accordance with the following principles :-

- a) That not all the seats on the body to which appointments are being made are allocated to the same political group;
- b) That the majority of seats on each committee are allocated to a particular political group if the number of persons belonging to that group is a majority of the authority's membership;
- c) That subject to (a) and (b), when allocating seats to a political group, the total number of their seats across all the ordinary committees of the Council, must reflect their proportion of the authority's membership; and
- d) Subject to (a) to (c), that the number of seats on each committee is as far as possible in proportion to the group's membership of the authority.

The Local Government and Housing Act 1989 requires that, once the Council has determined the allocation of committee places between the political groups, the Council must then appoint the nominees of the political groups to the committees.

For the purpose of this process there are two political groups making up the Council; the Conservation Group and the Labour Group. A group consists of two or more members of Council who have indicated that they wish to be treated as a group. Councillors that are not members of political groups have no entitlement to an allocation of seats on Committees. Political groups are entitled to their proportion of seats and once their entitlement has been reached, any remaining seats may be filled by Councillors not belonging to a political group. Such Councillors are called 'non-aligned'.

These rules apply to the Planning Committee, Overview and Scrutiny Committee and Policy Review Committee. They do not apply Licensing Committee which is a statutory committee. Nonetheless nominations for seats on that Committee have been received in line with the general principles outlined above and are included in the Appendices.

### **3.2 Financial Issues**

There may be occasion for the Councillors to attend external meetings which may incur travel expenses.

### **4. Conclusion**

That the Council makes its appointments to Committee places, appoints CEF Chairs and approves the membership of Access Selby Board and the start times of committees for the 2015/16 municipal year.

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**Appendix A – 2015/16 - Appointments of Committee Chairs/Vice Chairs and Committee Members**

**Appendix B – 2015/16 – appointment of CEF Chairs and Access Selby Board Members.**

**Appendix C – 2015/16 – Start times of Meetings**

**Planning Committee**

<b>Chair (Conservative)</b>	Cattanach
<b>Vice Chair (Conservative)</b>	Musgrave
<b>Councillor (Conservative)</b>	Casling
<b>Councillor (Conservative)</b>	I Chilvers
<b>Councillor (Conservative)</b>	Deans
<b>Councillor (Conservative)</b>	Mackay
<b>Councillor (Conservative)</b>	Pearson
<b>Councillor (Labour)</b>	Crawford
<b>Councillor (Labour)</b>	Marshall
Substitute (Conservative)	Sweeting
Substitute (Conservative)	Reynolds
Substitute (Conservative)	White
Substitute (Conservative)	Jordan
Substitute (Conservative)	Hutchinson
Substitute (Conservative)	Buckle
Substitute (Labour)	Packham
Substitute (Labour)	Duckett

**Licensing Committee**

<b>Chair (Conservative)</b>	Pearson
<b>Vice Chair (Conservative)</b>	Ellis
<b>Councillor (Conservative)</b>	J Chilvers
<b>Councillor (Conservative)</b>	Hobson
<b>Councillor (Conservative)</b>	Jordan
<b>Councillor (Conservative)</b>	Sweeting
<b>Councillor (Conservative)</b>	White
<b>Councillor (Labour)</b>	Marshall
<b>Councillor (Labour)</b>	Thurlow
<b>Councillor (Labour)</b>	Duckett
Substitute (Conservative)	Deans
Substitute (Conservative)	Buckle
Substitute (Conservative)	Mackay
Substitute (Conservative)	I Chilvers
Substitute (Conservative)	Peart
Substitute (Labour)	Shaw-Wright
Substitute (Labour)	Welsh

### Overview and Scrutiny Committee

<b>Chair (Labour)</b>	<b>Crawford</b>
<b>Vice Chair (Labour)</b>	<b>Nichols</b>
<b>Councillor (Conservative)</b>	<b>Buckle</b>
<b>Councillor (Conservative)</b>	<b>Casling</b>
<b>Councillor (Conservative)</b>	<b>I Chilvers</b>
<b>Councillor (Conservative)</b>	<b>Mackay</b>
<b>Councillor (Conservative)</b>	<b>White</b>
Substitute (Conservative)	Sweeting
Substitute (Conservative)	J Chilvers
Substitute (Conservative)	Jordan
Substitute (Labour)	Marshall
Substitute (Labour)	Packham
Substitute (Labour)	Duckett

### Policy Review Committee

<b>Chair (Conservative)</b>	<b>Deans</b>
<b>Vice Chair (Conservative)</b>	<b>Hobson</b>
<b>Councillor (Conservative)</b>	<b>Arthur</b>
<b>Councillor (Conservative)</b>	<b>Ellis</b>
<b>Councillor (Conservative)</b>	<b>Hutchinson</b>
<b>Councillor (Labour)</b>	<b>Packham</b>
<b>Councillor (Labour)</b>	<b>Shaw-Wright</b>
Substitute (Conservative)	Pearson
Substitute (Conservative)	Reynolds
Substitute (Conservative)	Casling
Substitute (Labour)	Welsh
Substitute (Labour)	Thurlow

### Audit and Governance Committee

<b>Chair (Conservative)</b>	<b>Jordan</b>
<b>Vice Chair (Conservative)</b>	<b>Reynolds</b>
<b>Councillor (Conservative)</b>	<b>Arthur</b>
<b>Councillor (Conservative)</b>	<b>Buckle</b>
<b>Councillor (Conservative)</b>	<b>J Chilvers</b>
<b>Councillor (Labour)</b>	<b>Thurlow</b>
<b>Councillor (Labour)</b>	<b>Welsh</b>

Substitute (Conservative)	White
Substitute (Conservative)	Musgrave
Substitute (Conservative)	Cattanach
Substitute (Labour)	Marshall
Substitute (Labour)	Duckett

**Access Selby Board**

<b>Chair (Conservative)</b>	<b>Musgrave</b>
<b>Vice Chair (Conservative)</b>	<b>Cattanach</b>
<b>Councillor (Conservative)</b>	<b>Hutchinson</b>
<b>Councillor (Labour)</b>	<b>Packham</b>
Co-Opted Member	

**Community Engagement Forum (CEF) Chairs**

<b>Western</b>	<b>Andy Pound</b>
<b>Eastern</b>	<b>Liz Casling</b>
<b>Central</b>	<b>Steve Shaw-Wright</b>
<b>Southern</b>	<b>Mike Jordan</b>
<b>Tadcaster</b>	<b>Don Mackay</b>

Start Times for Committees in 2015/16

<b>Meeting</b>	<b>Start Time</b>
Council	6.00pm
Annual Council	4.00pm
Executive	4.00pm
Licensing	10.00am
Planning Committee	4.00pm
Access Selby Board	5.00pm
Policy Review Committee	5.00pm
Overview and Scrutiny Committee	5.00pm
Audit and Governance Committee	5.00pm