

Agenda Item 12

SHEFFIELD CITY COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING – 4TH DECEMBER 2024

ITEM OF BUSINESS NO. 12 – ALLOCATION OF SEATS ON COUNCIL COMMITTEES IN 2024-325 - UPDATE

It is to be moved by Councillor Joe Otten, seconded by Councillor Dianne Hurst, that the Council:-

(a) notes the impact on the allocation of seats on Council Committees of the new political composition of the Council, following the result of the Woodhouse Ward By-Election held on 28th November 2024, as set out in the report of the Director of Policy and Democratic Engagement now submitted;

(b) notes the initial allocation of seats to political groups on individual committees before final adjustment, as set out in Appendix 1 of the report, and which is based on the committees (and their sizes) which were approved at the annual meeting of the Council on 15th May 2024 for operation in the Municipal Year 2024-25;

(c) in order to satisfy the requirement to ensure that each group has the required number of seats overall in comparison to the total number of seats available on all committees to reflect their composition on the Council as a whole, approval be given to (i) the final adjustments of seven seats as shown in the schedule circulated at the meeting and (ii) revised appointments of Councillors to give effect to the new seat allocations and reflect the wishes of the political groups, as follows:-

Councillor Willis Marshall to fill a vacancy on the Communities, Parks and Leisure Policy Committee;

Councillor Gail Smith to fill a vacancy on the Licensing Committee;

(d) for the purposes of Council Procedure Rule 25.6, the consent of the Council be given in any case where a Member chooses not to be appointed to serve on any Policy or Regulatory Committee; and

(e) notes that, as respects the appointment of Members to serve on Council Committees, where vacancies exist or in cases of urgency to ensure quoracy or representation, the Monitoring Officer, in consultation with the relevant political group whip, has the authority to appoint Members to serve on such Committees, as necessary, on the understanding that details of such appointments will be reported to the next or subsequent meetings of the Council.

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