

Birmingham City Council
Council Business Management Committee
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Subject: City Council Appointments
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Does the report contain confidential or exempt information? Yes No

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1 Executive Summary

- 1.1 To recommend to City Council appointments to committees, outside bodies and other offices.
- 1.2 Proposed bodies to be appointed by City Council are set out in **Appendix 1** to the report which is currently to follow.
- 1.3 Following the resignation of Councillor Brigid Jones, there is now a vacancy in the Bournbrook and Selly Park ward. A by election to fill this vacancy will be held on Thursday 2 May 2024.
- 1.4 Following the resignation of Councillor Rick Payne, there is now a vacancy in the Kingstanding ward. A by election to fill this vacancy is to be arranged but will not have taken place until after the Annual City Council meeting on 21 May 2024.
- 1.5 Due to the Bournbrook and Selly Park by election having not taken place at the time of agenda publication, the appendix to the report is currently to follow and will be circulated once proportionality calculations have been undertaken when the result of the by-election is confirmed.
- 1.6 Proportionality calculations will be undertaken for a final time when the result of the Kingstanding by election is known. This will be after the Annual City Council meeting on 21 May.
- 1.7 **Appendix 1** to the report will be circulated for Groups to consider and complete once the number of seats allocated to each Group for each committee/outside body

is known following the completion of proportionality calculations after the result of the 2 May 2024 Bournbrok and Selly Park by election.

- 1.8 Following the result of the Kingstanding by election (to take place following Annual Council on 21 May), proportionality calculations will be undertaken once more. Groups will be made aware if amendments to the allocation of committees/outside bodies seats are required. Any subsequent changes to committees/outside bodies allocations will need to be considered and approved by City Council.
- 1.9 Groups are asked to note that appointments to Committees not included in **Appendix 1** are made by Cabinet in line with the provisions set out in part B6 of the constitution. These Committees include any Cabinet Committees and the Health and Wellbeing Board.
- 1.10 Groups are asked to note the proposed changes to the constitution as outlined in the 'Changes to the Constitution' report which is included as part of this meeting agenda..

2 Recommendations

- 2.1 That nominations be submitted to the next meeting of City Council of representatives to serve on the bodies detailed in **Appendix 1** (to follow) to the report, for the municipal year 2024-25.

3 Recommended Proposal

- 3.1 The Committee is recommended to include appointments in the Summons to the next City Council meeting.
- 3.2 Groups are asked to note that further proportionality calculations need to be undertaken following the Bournbrook and Selly Park by election which takes place on 2 May 2024.
- 3.3 A by election in respect of the Kingstanding ward will take place on a date after the Annual City Council meeting (21 May 2024).
- 3.4 If aggregate proportionality changes following the completion of the Bournbrook and Selly Park by election, then **Appendix 1** (to follow) will be amended, with Groups then requested to allocate Members to committees/outside bodies according to the finalised proportionality calculations.
- 3.5 The result of the Kingstanding by election will not be known until after the 21 May Annual City Council meeting. Further proportionality calculations will be completed following the outcome of the by election.
- 3.6 The proportionality provisions of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 only apply to Committees and Sub-Committees of the Council however Council appointments to outside bodies have also usually been based on proportionality.

Where there is only one appointment to be made, this has usually been taken by the largest political group on the Council.

4 Legal Implications

- 4.1 Committee proportionality is based on the provisions outlined as part of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989.

5 Financial Implications

- 5.1 There are no immediate financial implications arising from this report.

6 Public Sector Equality Duty

- 6.1 There are no immediate equality implications arising from this report.

7 Other Implications

- 7.1 None.

8 Background Papers

- 8.1 Birmingham City Council Constitution.

9 Appendices

- 9.1 **Appendix 1** - Proposed bodies to be appointed by City Council (to follow).