

North Yorkshire Council

Skipton and Ripon Area Constituency Committee

14 December 2023

Appointments to Committees

Report of the Assistant Chief Executive, Legal and Democratic Services

1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1.1 To enable appointments to be made to the Development Plan Committee.

2.0 DEVELOPMENT PLAN COMMITTEE

2.1 At the meeting of the Council on 15 November 2023, it was resolved to adopt the Proposed Amendments to the Council Constitution as at item 8 on the agenda - [Agenda for Full Council on Wednesday, 15th November, 2023, 10.30 am | North Yorkshire Council](#). The report included the recommendation for the constitution of a Development Plan Committee.

2.2 The role of the committee is to act as the main sounding board for the preparation of the Local Plan/Development Plan Documents, except Neighbourhood Plans. Development Plan Committees are widely used, with one for a plan area, by other local planning authorities and is considered best practice.

2.3 Now that the Development Plan Committee has been constituted, we need to appoint to the committee. The process for the appointment to the committee is that 3 nominations are sought from each of the Area Constituency Committees and then a 'top-up' of additional appointments is then used, where necessary, to ensure that the Development Plan Committee is politically balanced.

2.4 In making the nominations to the Development Plan Committee, members may wish to have regard to the political balance of their respective Area Constituency Committees. This will assist in ensuring that the overall political balance is achieved for the Development Plan Committee without having to resort to significant numbers of subsequent 'top up' appointments. It is important to note, however, that it is at the discretion of the committee as to the nominations that they wish to make.

2.5 The political balance for each Area Constituency Committee based upon 3 nominations to the Development Plan Committee, is as below:

ACC	Councillors in ACC	Proportionality based on the political make-up of the ACC (3 councillors)
Richmond (Yorks)	16	3 Conservative and Independents
Thirsk and Malton	15	2 Conservative and Independents and 1 NY Independent/Liberal Democrat and Liberal
Skipton and Ripon	15	2 Conservative and Independents and 1 Liberal Democrat and Liberal
Harrogate and Knaresborough	13	1 Conservative and Independents and 2 Liberal Democrat and Liberal
Scarborough and Whitby	15	1 Conservative and Independents, 1 Labour and 1 NY Independent/Unaffiliated
Selby and Ainsty	16	1 Conservative and Independents, 1 Labour and 1 NY Independent

3.0 IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 There are no equalities, finance, legal or climate change implications arising from the recommendations in this report.

4.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 4.1 That the Area Constituency Committee nominates 3 members to the Development Plan Committee.

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Background Documents:

The Constitution of the Council – [NYCConstitutionVersion2May2023.pdf \(northyorks.gov.uk\)](#)

Agenda and reports to the meeting of Council on 15 November 2023 (agenda item 8) - [Agenda for Full Council on Wednesday, 15th November, 2023, 10.30 am | North Yorkshire Council](#)

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