

North Yorkshire County Council
Thirsk & Malton Area Constituency Committee

25 June 2021

Appointments to Local Bodies

1.0 Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 To present to Members, for their consideration for recommendation to the Chief Executive Officer under his emergency delegated powers the appointments to Local Bodies in the Thirsk & Malton Area Constituency Committee (ACC) area, previously made by the Hambleton and Ryedale Area Committees, to be extended in light of the deferment of the planned County Council elections to May 2022.

2.0 Background

- 2.1 Under his delegated decision making powers in the Officers' Delegation Scheme in the Council's Constitution, the Chief Executive Officer has power, in cases of emergency, to take any decision which could be taken by the Council, the Executive or a committee. Following on from the expiry of the Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority and Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020, which allowed for committee meetings to be held remotely, the County Council resolved at its meeting on 5 May 2021 that, for the present time, in light of the continuing Covid-19 pandemic circumstances, remote live-broadcast committee meetings should continue, with any formal decisions required being taken by the Chief Executive Officer under his emergency decision making powers and after consultation with other Officers and Members as appropriate and after taking into account any views of the relevant Committee Members. This approach will be reviewed by full Council at its July meeting.
- 2.2 The appointments to Local Bodies for the area now covered by the Thirsk & Malton Area Constituency Committee were made by the Hambleton and Ryedale Area Committees in 2017, following the County Council elections.
- 2.3 The Constitution identifies three categories of outside bodies. Those to which this Area Committee appoints are in Categories 2 and 3 (known as Local Bodies). Category 2 outside bodies typically operate across the geographic area of more than one Electoral Division and appointments to them should be County Councillors. The person appointed to a Category 3 outside body is expected to be a member of the local community, but may be the local Member.
- 2.4 At the meetings of the Hambleton and Ryedale Area Committees, on 26 June 2017 and 28 June 2017 respectively the appointments to Category 2 outside bodies were made until "the County Council elections in 2021" and the appointments to Category 3 outside bodies were made "until a replacement is appointed".

3.0 Process for extending appointments

- 3.1 The recent deferment of the planned County Council elections from May 2021 to May 2022 means that the appointments to Category 2 outside bodies need to be extended. The appointments to Category 3 outside bodies can stand as they are, unless committee members are aware of any vacancies that need to be filled.

- 3.2 The current appointments to the Category 2 outside bodies previously appointed by Hambleton Area Committee that now fall within the remit of this committee are as follows:
- Hambleton Community Action – Cllr David Blades
 - Hartlepool Power Station Local Community Liaison Council – Cllr Heather Moorhouse
 - Safer Hambleton Steering Group for Community Safety – Cllr Heather Moorhouse
- 3.3 The current appointments to the Category 2 outside bodies previously appointed by Ryedale Area Committee that now fall within the remit of this committee are as follows:
- Safer Ryedale Delivery Team - Cllr Val Arnold
 - Howardian Hills AONB Joint Advisory Committee - Cllr Caroline Goodrick & Cllr Caroline Patmore
- 3.4 The full list of the Category 2 and Category 3 outside bodies, as currently specified in the Council Constitution, are detailed in Appendix 1.

4.0 Appointment to the John Stockton Education Foundation (Kirbymoorside)

- 4.1 There is a vacancy on the John Stockton Education Foundation. The Foundation gives grants to students, usually at degree level, and to apprentices, and covers such items as purchase of relevant books, stationery, equipment, fees, and tools. The committee is asked to agree a nomination for the vacant position, for up to the end of the current Council in May 2022.

5.0 Recommendations

- 5.1 Having considered the information within this report, the Committee are asked to:
- Consider whether any appointments to Category 3 outside bodies need to be made to fill any vacancies that have arisen, and if appropriate, agree a recommendation to be forwarded to the Chief Executive for formal decision using his emergency delegated powers.
 - Agree a nomination for the vacant position on the John Stockton Education Foundation
 - Recommend to the Chief Executive that using his emergency delegated powers he:
 - Extend the current appointments to the Category 2 outside bodies that fall within the remit of this committee to the end of the current Council in May 2022.
 - Appoint the agreed nominee to the John Stockton Education Foundation to the end of the current Council in May 2022

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Appendix 1 – Extract from Council Constitution

Background documents:

Hambleton Area Committee papers for the meeting held on 26 June 2017 – [Hambleton Area Committee Agenda 26 June 2017](#)

Ryedale Area Committee papers for the meeting held on 28 June 2017 – [Ryedale Area Committee Agenda 28 June 2017](#)

County Council Constitution – [New Council Constitutions \(northyorks.gov.uk\)](#)