

# North Tyneside Council

## Urgent Report to Council

### Date: 21 January 2021

#### Title: Chair of Culture and Leisure Sub-Committee

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<b>Portfolio(s):</b> Elected Mayor	<b>Cabinet Member(s):</b> Mrs Norma Redfearn	
<b>Report from Service Area:</b>	<b>Law and Governance</b>	
<b>Responsible Officer:</b>	<b>Bryn Roberts, Head of Law and Governance</b>	<b>Tel: (0191) 6435339</b>
<b>Wards affected:</b>	<b>All</b>	

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#### **PART 1**

##### **1.1 Executive Summary:**

Following a change of sub-committee membership, the Council is required to appoint a Chair of the Culture and Leisure Sub-Committee for the remainder of the 2020/21 Municipal Year, with effect from 22 January 2021.

##### **1.2 Recommendation(s):**

It is recommended that Council appoints a Chair of the Culture and Leisure Sub-Committee for the remainder of the 2020/21 Municipal Year, with effect from 22 January 2021.

##### **1.3 Forward Plan:**

Given the recent change of membership, it has not been possible to include this item on the Forward Plan.

##### **1.4 Council Plan and Policy Framework**

This report does not relate directly to any of the Our North Tyneside Plan priorities.

##### **1.5 Information:**

- 1.5.1 At the Annual Council meeting held on 16 May 2019, the Council appointed Councillor C Davis as the Chair of the Culture and Leisure Sub-Committee.

- 1.5.2 Given the ongoing Coronavirus pandemic, and pursuant to Regulation 6(c) 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, no Annual Meeting of the Council was held in 2020 and, pursuant to Regulation 4(2) of those Regulations, appointments which would have been made at the 2020 Annual Meeting were continued until the next annual meeting of the authority or until such time as that authority determined.
- 1.5.3 In January 2021, the Monitoring Officer received notification, pursuant to Regulation 13(1)(a) of The Local Government (Committees and Political Groups) Regulations 1990, as amended by Regulation 5(2) of The Local Government (Committees and Political Groups) (Amendment) Regulations 1991, of a change in allocated membership of the Culture and Leisure Sub-Committee. That change in allocated membership has led to a vacancy for the role of Chair. The Labour Group has nominated Councillor S Phillips for the role of Chair.
- 1.5.4 The Council is therefore requested to determine the appointment to the position of Chair of the Culture and Leisure Sub-Committee.
- 1.5.5 The membership details of the Culture and Leisure Sub-Committee with effect from 17 May 2019 are appended to this report. The vacancy on the Committee will be filled in due course.

## **1.6 Decision options:**

The Council is responsible for approving the appointment of Chairs and Deputy Chairs of its committees and sub-committees. If more than one nomination is received for the position of Chair, a vote will be held with the nominee receiving the highest number of votes being appointed to the position.

## **1.7 Reasons for recommended option:**

To ensure the appointment of a Chair of the Culture and Leisure Sub-Committee is made for the remainder of the 2020/21 municipal year.

## **1.8 Appendices:**

Appendix 1: Membership of the Culture and Leisure Sub-Committee (with effect from 17 May 2019).

## **1.9 Contact officers:**

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## **1.10 Background information:**

The following background papers/information have been used in the compilation of this report and are available at the office of the author:

- Council minutes, 16 May 2019;
- North Tyneside Council Constitution;
- The Local Government (Committees and Political Groups) Regulations 1990;

- The Local Government (Committees and Political Groups) (Amendment) Regulations 1991; and
- The Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority and Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020.

## **PART 2 – COMPLIANCE WITH PRINCIPLES OF DECISION MAKING**

### **2.1 Finance and other resources**

A Special Responsibility Allowance of £2,290 is payable to the Chair of the Culture and Leisure Sub-Committee. If a Member who does not currently have a Special Responsibility Allowance, is appointed as the Chair, the Allowance can be met from within the existing Law and Governance budget for Members' Allowances. This will be applied *pro rata* for the remainder of the municipal year.

### **2.2 Legal**

The Council is responsible for approving the appointment of chairs and deputy chairs of its committees and sub-committees.

### **2.3 Consultation/community engagement**

The Member approval process, at the Council meeting, provides the key element to the consultation process.

### **2.4 Human rights**

There are no human rights issues directly arising from this report.

### **2.5 Equalities and diversity**

There are no equalities and diversity issues directly arising from this report.

### **2.6 Risk management**

As the recommendation is procedural and a recognised part of the business of the Council, no further risk assessment has been undertaken.

### **2.7 Crime and disorder**

There are no crime and disorder issues directly arising from this report.

### **2.8 Environment and sustainability**

There are no environment and sustainability issues directly arising from this report.

### **PART 3 - SIGN OFF**

- Chief Executive  X
- Head(s) of Service  X
- Mayor/Cabinet Member(s)  X
- Chief Finance Officer  X
- Monitoring Officer  X
- Head of Corporate Strategy and Customer Service  X

**Culture and Leisure Sub-Committee Membership with effect from 17 May 2019**

1. Councillor Jim Allan
2. Councillor Linda Bell
3. Councillor Karen Clark
4. Councillor Julie Cruddas
5. Vacancy (to replace Councillor Cath Davis)
6. Councillor Joe Kirwin
7. Councillor Karen Lee
8. Councillor Maureen Madden
9. Councillor Pam McIntyre
10. Councillor Andy Newman
11. Councillor Pat Oliver
12. Councillor Steven Phillips (Deputy Chair)