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Agenda

Name of meeting	APPEALS COMMITTEE
Date	TUESDAY 21 SEPTEMBER 2021
Time	10.30 AM
Venue	COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNTY HALL, NEWPORT, ISLE OF WIGHT
Members of the committee	Clrs I Dore (Chairman), G Brodie (Vice-Chairman), J Bacon, V Churchman, R Downer, K Love, J Nicholson, M Oliver, M Price and P Spink
	Democratic Services Officer: Marie Bartlett democratic.services@iow.gov.uk

1. **Declarations of Interest**

To invite Members to declare any interest they might have in the matters on the agenda.

2. **Public Question Time - 15 Minutes Maximum**

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3. **Urgent Business**

To consider any matters which, in the Chairman's opinion, are urgent.

4. **Report of the Monitoring Officer** (Pages 5 - 8)

Establishment of, and appointments to, the Appeals Sub-Committee.

5. **Members' Question Time**

A question must be submitted in writing or by electronic mail to Democratic Services no later than 10.30 am on Friday, 17 September 2021.

CHRISTOPHER POTTER
Monitoring Officer
Monday, 13 September 2021

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Purpose: For Decision

Committee report

Committee	APPEALS COMMITTEE
Date	21 SEPTEMBER 2021
Title	ESTABLISHMENT OF, AND APPOINTMENTS TO, THE APPEALS SUB-COMMITTEE
Report of	MONITORING OFFICER

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1. The purpose of this report is to establish an appeals sub-committee and to make appointments to it, with its terms of reference being as set out in the Constitution.

BACKGROUND

2. The Full Council appoints its Appeals Committee annually and its Appeals Committee has power to establish a sub-committee.
3. The Council's Constitution sets out the terms of reference of the proposed appeals sub-committee on page 36.
4. It is proposed that (as presently detailed in the Constitution) the appeals sub-committee comprises 3 councillors drawn from this committee, that it be politically balanced, and that the quorum of the appeals sub-committee should be 3 councillors (plus where it is determining a code of conduct investigation into the conduct of a town or parish councillor it shall also comprise a non-voting co-opted town/parish councillor from another council who is not a serving county councillor and does not have a conflict of interest).
5. The appointment of such a sub-committee facilitates effective and efficient decision-making, and has proved to be very useful to conduct the business of the local authority.

STRATEGIC CONTEXT

6. Good governance arrangements are essential to the delivery of the council's services and the decision-making process that support this.

CONSULTATION

7. None.

FINANCIAL / BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

8. There are no additional costs associated with the proposals contained in this report. The recommendations accord with the resources available within the overall budget agreed by Full Council in February 2021.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

9. An 'ordinary committee' may appoint one or more sub-committees under section 102 (1) (c) of the Local Government Act 1972. Membership of such a committee is subject to section 15 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 ('duty to allocate seats to political groups') i.e. it is required to be politically proportionate (unless alternative arrangements have been agreed under section 17 of that Act).
10. The Council's Constitution sets out the terms of reference of the Appeals Committee on page 35, and of the sub-committee on page 36.

EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY

11. The council as a public body is required to meet its statutory obligations under the Equality Act 2010 to have due regard to eliminate unlawful discrimination, promote equal opportunities between people from different groups and to foster good relations between people who share a protected characteristic and people who do not share it. The protected characteristics are: age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex and sexual orientation. It is not considered that the content of this report has any negative impact on any of the protected characteristics.

OPTIONS

12. **Option 1:** To appoint a sub-committee of any three members drawn from the committee with the terms of reference as set out in the Constitution and that it be politically proportionate, with a quorum of three councillors (plus where it is determining a code of conduct investigation into the conduct of a town or parish councillor it shall also comprise a non-voting co-opted town/parish councillor from another council who is not a serving county councillor and does not have a conflict of interest).
13. **Option 2:** To not establish such a sub-committee.

RISK MANAGEMENT

14. The recommendations are to ensure that the council meets its corporate governance requirements and responds to changing requirements and demands. These should lessen the risks arising from any challenge to the decision-making process by way of judicial review or other such legal action.

EVALUATION

15. An effective governance system for the council is essential to enable business to be transacted efficiently, and in a timely manner. The appointment of a sub-committee supports this.

RECOMMENDATION

16. (Option 1) That a appeals sub-committee be appointed of any three members drawn from the committee with the terms of reference as set out in the Constitution, and that it be politically proportionate, with a quorum of three councillors (plus where it is determining a code of conduct investigation into the conduct of a town or parish councillor it shall also comprise a non-voting co-opted town/parish councillor from another council who is not a serving county councillor and does not have a conflict of interest).

BACKGROUND PAPERS

17. None.

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