

Tuesday, 21 September 2021

**Report of the Leader of the Council**

**Designation of Nominations and Grants Committee**

**Exempt Information**

N/A

**Purpose**

To approve change to the current Nominations Committee to Nominations and Grants Committee

**Recommendations**

It is recommended that Council agrees the re-designation in the Constitution to Nominations and Grants Committee and authorises the Monitoring Officer to update to the Constitution

**Executive Summary**

In July 2021, Cabinet agreed an updated process and central budget for Community Grants and recommended that by a slight amendment to the constitution that the existing Nominations Committee should be re-designated as the Nominations and Grants Committee.

The Nominations Committee is currently set up to consider nominations from (a) members of the public in relation to people and/or organisations in Tamworth worthy of public recognition for their service to the Borough and (b) under Section 249 of the Local Government Act 1972.

Full Council permission is required to make a change to the constitution to facilitate the re-designation of the existing Nominations Committee to include consideration of grants funding.

The Committee meets quarterly and will allow Members to discuss grant applications with officers as a single agenda item, give due consideration to the award of Tamworth Borough Council grants, simplifying the process across Portfolios and allowing Cabinet to take an overview of grants rather than discuss at the executive meeting.

Discussion at pre-arranged quarterly meetings will assist Member decision making and provide more in-depth appraisal of grant funding.

**Options Considered**

Do Nothing	Officers will be required to produce Cabinet reports requiring attendance at the executive meetings, thereby increasing bureaucratic process across several portfolios and not enabling full and considered discussion by wider consultation
Consider creation of other Committee	A further grants committee not considered viable at a time when an existing Committee can be easily re-designated with attendance by nominated councillors

**Resource Implications**

Grants are managed centrally by the existing Partnerships team in conjunction with the Arts and Sports teams as per the report to Cabinet on 29<sup>th</sup> July 2021

**Legal/Risk Implications Background**

All risks covered in the July 2021 Cabinet report

**Equalities Implications**

As per consideration in Cabinet report 29<sup>th</sup> July 2021

**Sustainability Implications**

Process in place and reviewed annually as per Cabinet report

**Background Information**

Background to grants re-alignment and process covered in Cabinet report 29<sup>th</sup> July 2021

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**List of Background Papers**

Cabinet report 29<sup>th</sup> July 2021  
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**Appendices**

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