

## **COMMITTEE ALLOCATIONS AND MEMBERSHIP 2009/10**

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*Reporting Officer: Head of Democratic Services*

### **SUMMARY**

To appoint Members to the Council's various Committees and decide the number of Members and Party Allocations to those Committees.

**RECOMMENDATION: That Committee places and memberships be allocated as indicated in the report and that Members be appointed to the Committees as shown in Appendix A.**

### **INFORMATION**

1. The governing principles in allocating places on Committees are:-
  - a) It is not possible to allocate all the seats on a body to the same political group;
  - b) The majority party must have a majority on each body;
  - c) The total number of seats on the ordinary committees must be allocated to the party groups in the same proportions as their numbers on the council;
  - d) The number of seats on each body shall be allocated to the party group in the same proportions as their numbers on the Council.
  
2. The sequence for allocating seats is therefore as follows:-
  - a) Calculate the total number of seats with votes on all the ordinary committees.
  - b) Calculate the proportion that each group forms of the total membership of the Council. The proportions are 45/64 for the Conservative Group, 17/64 for the Labour Group and 2/64 for the Liberal Democrat Group (because one seat on the Council is not able to be taken into account in the calculations, it is necessary to do these on the basis of 64<sup>ths</sup> rather than 65<sup>ths</sup>).
  - c) Apply these proportions to the total number of committees to give a notional entitlement for each group.
  - d) Apply the proportions to the number of members on each committee to give an actual entitlement to seats on that body.
  - e) Adjust the allocation of seats on committees so that each group is as close as possible to its actual entitlement.
  
3. Appendix A has been drafted to reflect these principles. The overriding principle is to achieve the total number of seats on the Committees being allocated to the party groups in the same proportions as their numbers on the Council and therefore adjustments need to be made to the numbers so that the proportions on the whole Council are achieved.
  
4. Members should note that changes have been made to the total membership of the Planning Committees – both of which have been increased by one resulting in an increase in the total number of seats to 65 for the municipal year 2009/10.

5. Appendix B lists the Committees and those Members to be appointed to them. The list of Committees will be finalised by the Party Chief Whips prior to the Council meeting. Appendix B also lists the sub-committee membership of parent Committees and Members will be appointed to these immediately following the conclusion of the AGM.

## **CORPORATE CONSULTATIONS CARRIED OUT**

### **Legal and Financial Implications**

There are no legal or financial implications arising from this report.

## Appendix A

### ALLOCATION OF COMMITTEE PLACES #1

council composition	members	% cttee places	no. of cttee places	actual cttee places	over/under
<b>Conservative</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>70.31</b>	<b>45.70</b>	<b>44.00</b>	<b>-1.70</b>
<b>Labour</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>26.56</b>	<b>17.27</b>	<b>19.00</b>	<b>1.73</b>
<b>Liberal Democrat</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3.13</b>	<b>2.03</b>	<b>2.00</b>	<b>-0.03</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>65.00</b>	<b>65.00</b>	

ordinary committees (s 102(1)(a) of LGA 1972)	total	Labour		Liberal Dem'		Conservative	
		notional	actual	notional	actual	notional	actual
C&S Planning	7	1.86	2	0.22	0	4.92	5
North Planning	7	1.86	2	0.22	0	4.92	5
Registration & Appeals	5	1.33	1	0.16	1	3.52	3
Pensions Committee	5	1.33	1	0.16	1	3.52	3
Appointments Committee	6	1.59	2	0.19	0	4.22	4
Executive Scrutiny	6	1.59	2	0.19	0	4.22	4
External Services	5	1.33	1	0.16	0	3.52	4
Residents' POC	6	1.59	2	0.19	0	4.22	4
Education & Children's POC	6	1.59	2	0.19	0	4.22	4
Corp. Servs POC	6	1.59	2	0.19	0	4.22	4
Social Services POC	6	1.59	2	0.19	0	4.22	4
<b>Total</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>17.27</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>2.03</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>45.70</b>	<b>44</b>

Other committees (outside of the overall calculation but allocated on basis of overall political balance of the Council)

(s 21(11)(b) of LGA 2000)

Standards Committee*	6	1.59	2	0.19	0	4.22	4
Licensing Committee*	10	2.66	3	0.31	0	7.03	7
Audit Committee	4	1.06	1	0.13	0	2.81	3
Environmental Imp. Panel	3	0.80	1	0.09	0	2.11	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>6.11</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>0.72</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>16</b>

**COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP 2009/2010**

**ORDINARY COMMITTEES**

**EXECUTIVE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE 6(4-2)**

<b>CONSERVATIVE</b>	<b>LABOUR</b>

Other Voting Members on Education issues only

Parent Governor (3)	3 vacancies
Church of England Diocesan Representative	vacancy
Roman Catholic Diocesan representative	Anthony Little

**EXTERNAL SERVICES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE 5(4-1)**

<b>CONSERVATIVE</b>	<b>LABOUR</b>

**EDUCATION & CHILDREN'S SERVICES POLICY OVERVIEW COMMITTEE 6(4-2)**

<b>CONSERVATIVE</b>	<b>LABOUR</b>

Other Voting Members

Parent Governor (3)	3 vacancies
Church of England Diocesan Representative	Vacancy
Roman Catholic Diocesan representative	Anthony Little

**RESIDENTS' AND ENVIRONMENT SERVICES POLICY OVERVIEW  
COMMITTEE 6(4-2)**

<b>CONSERVATIVE</b>	<b>LABOUR</b>

**CORPORATE SERVICES AND PARTNERSHIPS POLICY OVERVIEW  
COMMITTEE 6(4-2)**

<b>CONSERVATIVE</b>	<b>LABOUR</b>

**SOCIAL SERVICES, HEALTH AND HOUSING POLICY OVERVIEW  
COMMITTEE 6(4-2)**

<b>CONSERVATIVE</b>	<b>LABOUR</b>

SUBSTITUTES FOR SCRUTINY AND POLICY OVERVIEW COMMITTEES ARE ALL COUNCILLORS EXCEPT THOSE IN THE CABINET, GROUP LEADERS AND CHIEF WHIPS.

**CENTRAL & SOUTH PLANNING COMMITTEE 7(5-2)**

<b>CONSERVATIVE</b>	<b>LABOUR</b>

**NORTH PLANNING COMMITTEE 7 (5-2)**

<b>CONSERVATIVE</b>	<b>LABOUR</b>

**SUBSTITUTE MEMBERS OF PLANNING COMMITTEES**

<b>CONSERVATIVE</b>	<b>LABOUR</b>

*IN ADDITION ALL PLANNING COMMITTEE MEMBERS TO BE SUBSTITUTES FOR EACH OTHER'S COMMITTEE.*

**PENSIONS COMMITTEE 5 (3-1-1)**

<b>CONSERVATIVE</b>	<b>LABOUR</b>	<b>LIBERAL DEMOCRAT</b>
<b>Substitutes</b>	<b>Substitutes</b>	<b>Substitute</b>

*Advisory Members*

UNISON	John Thomas
To be decided	Vacancy



**OTHER COMMITTEES / PANELS (OUTSIDE THE OVERALL CALCULATION BUT ALLOCATED ON THE BASIS OF OVERALL POLITICAL BALANCE)**

**STANDARDS COMMITTEE 6(4-2)**

CONSERVATIVE	LABOUR
<b><i>Substitutes</i></b>	<b><i>Substitutes</i></b>

**Independent Members (3)**

Mr Allan Edwards (Chairman)
Mr Malcolm Ellis (Vice Chairman)
Mr James Keys

**AUDIT COMMITTEE 4(3-1)**

CONSERVATIVE	LABOUR
<b><i>Substitutes</i></b>	<b><i>Substitutes</i></b>

**Independent Member (1)**

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**LICENSING COMMITTEE 10 (7-3)**

CONSERVATIVE	LABOUR

*N.B. NO SUBSTITUTES ALLOWED FOR LICENSING COMMITTEE*



**ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENTS PANEL 3 (2-1)**

<b>CONSERVATIVE</b>	<b>LABOUR</b>
<b><i>Substitutes</i></b>	<b><i>Substitutes</i></b>

**SUB-COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP TO BE AGREED BY THE PARENT COMMITTEE IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE END OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**APPOINTMENTS SUB-COMMITTEE 4 (3-1)**

<b>CONSERVATIVE</b>	<b>LABOUR</b>
<b><i>Substitutes</i></b>	<b><i>Substitutes</i></b>

**INVESTIGATING AND DISCIPLINARY SUB-COMMITTEE (SENIOR OFFICER) 4 (3-1)**

<b>CONSERVATIVE</b>	<b>LABOUR</b>
<b>Substitutes</b>	<b>Substitutes</b>

**APPEALS SUB-COMMITTEE (SENIOR OFFICER) 4 (3-1)**

<b>CONSERVATIVE</b>	<b>LABOUR</b>
Substitutes	Substitutes

**GRIEVANCE SUB-COMMITTEE (SENIOR OFFICER) 4 (3-1)**

<b>CONSERVATIVE</b>	<b>LABOUR</b>
Substitutes	Substitutes

**LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE A (2-1)**

<b>CONSERVATIVE</b>	<b>LABOUR</b>

**LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE B (2-1)**

<b>CONSERVATIVE</b>	<b>LABOUR</b>

**LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE C (2-1)**

<b>CONSERVATIVE</b>	<b>LABOUR</b>

*ALL MEMBERS OF SUB-COMMITTEES MUST ALSO BE MEMBERS OF THE LICENSING COMMITTEE. SUBSTITUTES FOR LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEES - ANY MEMBER OF THE LICENSING COMMITTEE*