
REPORT
OF
The City Mayor

TO
Council
ON
18th May 2022

TITLE: Membership of Committees and Panels and the Appointments of Chairs and Deputy Chairs for the Municipal Year 2022 / 23

RECOMMENDATION: The Council is recommended:

1. To approve the allocation of committee places for politically balanced Committees and Panels and to appoint the membership of those Committees and Panels as set out in Appendix 1
 2. To approve the membership of other Council Committees and Panels as set out at Appendix 2
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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Under the Constitution the Council are required to approve or note as appropriate the membership of Committees and Panels for the 2022 / 2023 Municipal Year

BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS: Council Constitution
(Available for public inspection)

KEY DECISION: N/A

1.0 Background

- 1.1 The Local Government and Housing Act 1989 and the Local Government (Committees and Political Groups) Regulations 1990 make provision for the allocation by the Council of places on its committees to political groups represented on the Council.
- 1.2 The legislation applies to committees of the Council and certain other bodies. It does not apply to the Cabinet, Local Committees or working groups.

- 1.3 Where the legislation applies, it requires that places on committees are, as far as reasonably practicable, allocated to political groups to give effect to the principles set out below, which apply in the following order:
- a) All seats on a committee cannot be allocated to the same political group
 - b) The majority of the seats on each committee are allocated to the political group holding the majority on the Full Council
 - c) Subject to a) and b) above the number of seats on the total of all the ordinary Committees and the Panel of the Council allocated to each political group should bear the same proportion to the proportion on the Full Council
 - d) Subject to a), b) and c) above the number of seats on each ordinary committee of the Council allocated to each political group should bear the same proportion to the proportion on the Full Council.
- 1.4 Following the 5th May 2022 Council Election, formal notification has now been received as to the membership of political groups on the Council. As a result of this change to political group membership the Council is obliged to review the allocation of seats on its committees that are subject to political balance.

2.0 Ordinary Committees – Appendix 1

- 2.1 Appendix 1 sets out the committees and sub-committees to which the above principles apply and the proposed allocations to each group based on those principles.
- 2.2 The proportions set out below form the basis of the approach adopted in calculating the allocation:

Political Group	Percentage of seats on Council
Labour	81.67%
Conservative	13.33%
Liberal Democrats	3.33%
Independent	1.67%

- 2.3 The Constitution identifies the Council's ordinary committees and members are recommended to approve the allocation of places to political groups and make the appointments to those committees in accordance with Appendix 1.
- 2.4 At its Annual Meeting, the Council must appoint at least one scrutiny committee. Scrutiny committees are required to be politically balanced. The Constitution provides for the appointment of four Scrutiny Panels and an overarching Overview and Scrutiny Board.

3.0 Appointment to other Council Committees and Panels - Appendix 2

3.1 Certain Council bodies are not ordinary committees of the Council and are not subject to the requirements of political proportionality. Under the Constitution the full Council makes appointments to these bodies and Members are recommended to make appointments to these bodies as indicated in Appendix 1.

KEY COUNCIL POLICIES: Council Constitution

EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT AND IMPLICATIONS: N/A

ASSESSMENT OF RISK:

It is a legislative and constitutional requirement for Council to consider these appointments and nominations on an annual basis

SOURCE OF FUNDING: N/A

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS Supplied by Iolanda Puzio, City Solicitor and Monitoring Officer

The relevant legislation is detailed in the main body of the report

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS Supplied by N/A

OTHER DIRECTORATES CONSULTED: N/A

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WARD(S) TO WHICH REPORT RELATE(S): All
