

Report of	Meeting	Date
Director of Governance	Council	18 May 2021

## Appointments to committees, panels and working groups for 2021/22

### Purpose of report

- To allocate places on the various committees of the Council in accordance with Section 15 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 and to make appointments to those committees in accordance with Section 16 of the Act, together with the appointment of the Chairs and Vice Chairs of the appropriate Committees.

### Recommendation(s)

- The allocation of committee places in accordance with the Political Balance Rules as set out in the report be approved.
- The Members, Chairs and Vice Chairs for the committees set out in the appendix to this report be appointed for the period of twelve months until the first business meeting of the Council in May 2022.

Confidential report Please bold as appropriate	Yes	No

### Corporate priorities

- This report relates to the following Strategic Objectives:

Involving residents in improving their local area and equality of access for all		A strong local economy	
Clean, safe and healthy homes and communities		An ambitious council that does more to meet the needs of residents and the local area	✓

### Background

- Under the terms of Section 15 (5) of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989, where a Council is divided into different political groups in accordance with the Local Government (Committees and Political Groups) Regulations 1990 as this Council is, seats on ordinary committees have to be allocated to give effect to the following principles:
  - all the seats on committees are not to be allocated to the same political group
  - the majority of seats on a committee should be allocated to the group which has the majority of the Authority's membership
  - subject to (a) and (b) above, the total number of seats on committees must be allocated in proportion to the political strength on the Council and
  - subject to (a), (b) and (c) above, the number of seats on each committee must be allocated in proportion to the political strength on the Council.

## Political composition

6. The current political composition of the Council is:

Party	Number of Members
Labour	29
Conservative	13
Total	42

## Allocation of seats

7. In order to comply with Section 15 (5) of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 and the Local Government (Committees and Political Groups) Regulations 1990, the allocation of seats on committees is set out below:

Committee	No of places	Labour	Conservative
Overview and Scrutiny	14	10	4
Planning	13	9	4
Licensing and Public Safety	15	10	5
General Purposes	17	12	5
Governance	8	6	2
Shared Services Joint Committee	5	3	2
Appointments Panel	6	4	2
Human Resources Appeals Panel	9	6	3

## Appointment of members to Committees

8. The appointment of members in line with the wishes of the political groups are shown in the appendix to this report.

## Implications of report

9. This report has implications in the following areas and the relevant Directors' comments are included:

Finance		Customer Services	
Human Resources		Equality and Diversity	
Legal	✓	Integrated Impact Assessment required?	
No significant implications in this area		Policy and Communications	

## Risk

10. The proposals set out in this report will ensure that appointments are made to the various Committees in accordance with the Local Government and Housing Act 1989. Failure to meet the legislative requirements would leave the Council's decisions open to challenge.

## Comments of the Statutory Finance Officer

11. There are no issues to note.

## Comments of the Monitoring Officer

12. There are no issues to raise – the report is in accordance with relevant legislation.

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