

## FULL COUNCIL

11 MAY 2022

### ALLOCATION OF SEATS AND MEMBER APPOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEES, POLICY DEVELOPMENT GROUPS AND POLITICALLY PROPORTIONED WORKING GROUPS

**Reason for Report:** To consider the seat allocations and to appoint members to various bodies for the current civic year 2022/23.

#### RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. In respect to the committees (including Policy Development Groups) and Other Groups listed in Appendix A for Civic Year 2022/23:
  - (a) Seats be allocated and appointments of ungrouped members be made, as shown in the report appendix;
  - (b) Group members be appointed to them in accordance with the approved allocations and names notified to the Proper Officer as provided for in the report.
2. The Chief Executive be given delegated authority to make changes to each group's membership in accordance with the approved allocation applicable at the time, as may be notified to him from time to time by the relevant political group leader.

#### 1.0 **Report Detail**

- 1.1 Seats are allocated to members of political groups in accordance with Local Government and Housing Act 1989 (Sections 15 - 17) and associated regulations. As notified at the last two Council meetings, the Group Leaders have considered the seat allocations and agreed to make provision for a proportion of seats to be made available to ungrouped members within the Council. This approach as resolved by full Council at its last meeting, has been applied and is shown in Appendix A subject to 5 rather than 6 seats being left for ungrouped members, the spare seat going to the Non-Aligned Group.
- 1.2 Full Council is now requested to consider the updated allocations which reflect the current political groups' memberships and to resolve in accordance with the recommendations set out above. Recommendation 1(a) seeks to secure appointments to the bodies listed in Appendix A for the current civic year. In the absence of names having been supplied for appointment of individual members at the AGM, provision has been made in 1(b) for the groups to notify the Chief Executive (as Proper Officer) of the specific members who will fill the relevant proportion of seats allocated to them. This is subject to compliance with the requirements set out in Local Government (Committees and Political Groups) Regulations 1990. Recommendation 2 provides scope for each political group to amend their respective members between AGMs.

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APPENDIX A

2022/23	<b>CONSERVATIVE 19 MEMBERS = 45.24%</b>	<b>LIB DEM 11 MEMBERS = 26.19%</b>	<b>INDEPENDENT GROUP 3 MEMBERS = 7.14%</b>	<b>GREENS 2 MEMBERS = 4.76%</b>	<b>NON ALIGNED GROUP 5 MEMBERS = 11.90%</b>	<b>INDEPENDENT NO GROUP Cllr Evans = 2.38%</b>	<b>INDEPENDENT NO GROUP Cllr Pugsley = 2.38%</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
<b>COMMITTEE</b>	<b>51.12 (51) seats entitlement</b>	<b>29.59 (30) seats entitlement</b>	<b>8.06 (8) seats entitlement</b>	<b>5.04 (5) seats entitlement</b>	<b>13.45 (13) seats entitlement</b>	<b>2.69 (3) seats entitlement</b>	<b>2.69 (3) seats entitlement</b>	<b>113</b>
Audit (9)	4	3	0	0	1	1	0	<b>9</b>
Electoral Review (12)	5	3	1	1	1	1	0	<b>12</b>
Licensing (12)	5	3	1	1	1	0	1	<b>12</b>
Planning (11)	5	3	1	1	1	0	0	<b>11</b>
Regulatory (12)	5	3	1	1	1	0	1	<b>12</b>
Scrutiny (12)	5	3	1	1	2	0	0	<b>12</b>
Standards (9)	5	2	1	0	1	0	0	<b>9</b>
Community PDG (9)	4	2	1	0	1	1	0	<b>9</b>
Economy PDG (9)	4	3	0	0	2	0	0	<b>9</b>
Environment PDG (9)	4	3	1	0	1	0	0	<b>9</b>
Homes PDG (9)	5	2	0	0	2	0	0	<b>9</b>
<b>TOTAL ALLOCATED SEATS</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>113</b>
<b>OTHER GROUPS</b>								
<b>where membership is allocated as per political group proportions:</b>								
Planning Policy Advisory Group (9)	4	2	1	1	1	0	0	<b>9</b>
Planning Working Group (8)	4	2	1	0	1	0	0	<b>8</b>
Development. Delivery Advisory Group (7)	3	2	1	0	1	0	0	<b>7</b>