

Cherwell District Council

Council

14 May 2019

<p>Agenda Item 12: Annual Council Business Report Addendum</p>

Report of Chief Executive

Constitution of Political Groups

- 1.1 Following the local elections on 2 May 2019, the current constitution of the Council (48 Members) is:

- 32 Conservative (67%)
- 9 Labour (19%)
- 4 Independent (8%)
- 2 Liberal Democrat (4%)
- 1 Green (2%)

- 1.2 The Chief Executive has been notified that the four Independent councillors have formed a group, the Independent Group. The two Liberal Democrat councillors and the Green councillor have formed a group, Progressive Oxfordshire.

- 1.3 Group Leaders have been appointed as follows:

- Conservative Group: Councillor Barry Wood
- Labour Group: Councillor Sean Woodcock
- Independent Group: Councillor Les Sibley
- Progressive Oxfordshire Group: Councillor Katherine Tyson

Committee Appointments 2019/20

- 1.4 Under the Local Government (Committees and Political Groups) Regulations 1990 made pursuant to the Local Government and Housing Act 1989, allocations of committee seats are made to political groups and any member not in a political group is consequently not automatically entitled to seats on committees. There are no such members currently and the committee allocations take account of the Groups notified to the Chief Executive.
- 1.5 The proportionality calculations require the Independent Group to release two seats, one each to the Conservative Group and the Oxfordshire Progressive Group. The Independent Group Leader, Councillor Sibley, has advised that these seats will be on Standards Committee and Appeals Panel respectively. These adjustments are indicated in italics in Table 1 below.
- 1.6 Table two sets out the allocation of seats of non-proportional committees.

Table 1: Allocation of Seats of Proportional Committees

Political Balance	TOTAL	CON	LAB	IND	PROG OXF
Accounts, Audit & Risk Committee	8	5	2	1	0
Appeals Panel	10	7	2	0 (-1)	1 (+1)
Budget Planning Committee	12	8	2	1	1
Joint Appeals Committee	3	2	1	0	0
Joint Shared Services & Personnel Committee	5	3	1	1	0
Licensing Committee	12	8	2	1	1
Overview & Scrutiny	12	8	2	1	1
Personnel Committee	12	8	2	1	1
Planning Committee	18	12	3	2	1
Standards Committee	8	6 (+1)	2	0 (-1)	0
Proportional Total by Committee	100	67	19	8	6
Aggregate Entitlement	100	67	19	8	6
Adjustment Required	N/A	Plus 1	Ok	Minus 2	Plus 1

Notes:

Overview and Scrutiny Committee must not include any members of the Executive.

Personnel Committee must include at least one member of the Executive and may not include members of the Appeals Panel

Appeals Panel members may not serve as members of the Personnel Committee.

Joint Shared Services & Personnel Committee members may not serve as members or substitute members of the Joint Appeals Committee

Joint Appeals Committee members may not serve as members or substitute members of the Joint Shared Services & Personnel Committee

Table 2: Allocation of Seats of Non-Proportional Committees

Not subject to Political Balance	TOTAL	CON	LAB	IND	PROG OXF
Joint Arrangements Steering Group	5	3	1	1	0
Partnership Working Group	5	3	1	1	0

Appointment of Representatives

(This section of the addendum updates paragraphs 3.11 – 3.16 of the report published with the agenda)

- 1.7 Council is asked to appoint a representative to the Oxfordshire County Council Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee. The representative cannot be a member of the Executive. The 2018/19 appointed representative was Councillor Sean Gaul and it is recommended that Councillor Gaul be appointed again for the municipal year 2019/20.
- 1.8 Council is asked to appoint a representative to the Police and Crime Commissioner Scrutiny Panel. The 2018/19 representative on the Police and Crime Commissioner Scrutiny Panel was Councillor Andrew McHugh and it is recommended that Councillor McHugh be appointed again for the municipal year 2019/20.
- 1.9 Council is asked to appoint a representative and substitute to the Oxfordshire Growth Board for the municipal year 2019/20. Councillor Barry Wood was appointed in 2018/19 and Councillor George Reynolds was appointed as substitute. It is recommended that Councillor Wood and Councillor Reynolds be appointed as representative and substitute for the municipal year 2019/20 respectively.
- 1.10 Council is asked to appoint members to the Oxfordshire Growth Board Scrutiny Panel. The Scrutiny Panel comprises 18 councillors, three appointed annually by each constituent Council of the Growth Board. Executive members of the constituent councils shall not be members of the Scrutiny Panel.
- 1.11 As the Scrutiny Panel is an informal committee it is not taken into account as part of the political balance calculations and is represented by 2 Conservative and 1 Labour Councillors with unnamed substitutes, who shall not be members of the Executive, permitted from the relevant political party.
- 1.12 It is recommended that Councillor Lucinda Wing, Councillor Tom Wallis and Councillor Sean Woodcock be appointed to the Oxfordshire Growth Board Scrutiny Panel for the municipal year 2019/20.
- 3.16 The Oxfordshire Growth Board (OGB) has established three sub-groups: OGB JSSP Sub-Group; OGB Infrastructure Sub-Group; and the OGB Housing Sub-Group. The terms of reference of the Growth Board (para 8.1) indicate that the elected representatives on the sub-groups will be appointed by the leaders of the respective Growth Board member Councils.

Recommendations (updated from published report)

- 1.8 To appoint Councillor Sean Gaul as the Cherwell District Council representative to the Oxfordshire County Council Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee for the municipal year 2019/20.
- 1.9 To appoint Councillor Andrew McHugh as the Cherwell District Council representative to the Police and Crime Commissioner Scrutiny Panel for the municipal year 2019/20.

- 1.10 To appoint Councillor Barry Wood as representative and Councillor George Reynolds as substitute to the Oxfordshire Growth Board for the municipal year 2019/20.
- 1.11 To appoint Councillor Tom Wallis, Councillor Lucinda Wing and Councillor Sean Woodcock as Cherwell District Council's representatives to the Oxfordshire Growth Board Scrutiny Panel for the municipal year 2019/20.