

Council

Proportionality and Committee Appointments

1 November 2011

Report of Chief Executive

PURPOSE OF REPORT

To gain agreement to the amended constitution of Committees for Municipal Year 2011/12 and to advise Council of political group nominations following the results of the Bicester North By-election.

This report is public

Recommendations

Council is recommended to:

- (1) Agree that the allocation of the seats on the Committees that are subject to the political balance requirements be agreed as set out in Table 1 below following the results of the Bicester North by-election.
- (2) Appoint Members to serve on each of the Committees set out in Table 2 of the report in accordance with the nominations made by the Political Groups.

Details

Bicester North By-Election Result

- 1.1 Councillor Melanie Magee was elected for the Bicester North Ward at the By-Election held on 29 September 2011.

Proportionality Calculations Following Bicester North By-Election

- 1.2 The results of the Bicester North By-Election has not changed the political control of the Council. The constitution of the Council and political groups is 43 Conservatives, 4 Labour and 3 Liberal Democrats.

1.3 Allocation of Seats to Proportional Committee

	TOTAL	CON	LAB	LD
Overview & Scrutiny Committee	12	10	1	1
Resources and Performance Board	12	10	1	1
Planning Committee	18	16	1	1
Personnel Committee	12	10	1	1
Licensing Committee	12	10	1	1
Appeals Panel	10	9*	1	0*
Accounts, Audit and Risk Committee	8	7	1	0
Joint Personnel Committee	5	4	1	0
Joint Appeals Committee	3	2	1	0
Proportional Total by Committee	92	77	9	6
Aggregate Entitlement	92	78	9	5
Adjustment Required		+1	0	-1

(Liberal Democrat seat to Conservative Group on Appeals Panel, agreed May 2011)

1.4 Allocation of Seats to Non Proportional Committees

	TOTAL	CON	LAB	LD
Standards Committee	8	6	1	1
Council and Employee Joint Committee	12	10	1	1
Joint Arrangements Steering Group	5	4	1	0

Changes to Committee Membership

1.5 Based on the calculation of proportionality as set out above, the Conservative Group has agreed the following allocations.

		Resources & Performance Scrutiny Board	Appeals Panel	Council & Employee Joint Committee	Planning Committee
Remove	Members	Vacancy	Vacancy	Vacancy	-
	Substitute	-	-	-	Vacancy
Add	Members	Cllr Magee	Cllr Magee	Cllr Magee	-
	Substitute	-	-	-	Cllr Magee

Key Issues for Consideration/Reasons for Decision and Options

The following options have been identified. The approach in the recommendations is believed to be the best way forward

Option One To agree the recommendations as set out

Option Two No to agree the recommendations as set out

Consultations

Conservative Group Leader Allocation to Committees detailed in body of report

Implications

Financial: There are no financial implications arising from this report.
Comments checked by Sarah Best, Senior Accounting Assistant 01295 221736

Legal: It is a legal requirement for Council to agree proportionality and appoint committees.
Comments checked by James Doble, Democratic, Scrutiny and Elections Manager 01295 221587

Risk Management: In ensuring the legal requirements are met risk to the authority is mitigated.
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Wards Affected

All

Document Information

Appendix No	Title
None	
Background Papers	
None	
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