

Council

Annual Council Business Report

19 May 2012

Report of Chief Executive

PURPOSE OF REPORT

To note the results of the 3 May 2012 district elections, the constitution of Political Groups, the appointment of the Deputy Leader and Executive for the Municipal Year 2012/13 and to gain agreement to the suggested constitution of Committees for the Municipal year 2012/2013.

This report is public

Recommendations

** The recommendations are also included in the relevant section of the report **

Council is recommended to:

- (1) Note the results of the District Elections held on 3 May 2012.
- (2) Note the constitution of Political Groups and notification of Group Leaders.
- (3) Note the appointment of Deputy Leader of the Council, the membership of the Executive and the Executive Portfolios for 2012/13.
- (4) Agree the allocation of seats on committees that are subject to the political balance requirements as set out in Table 1.
- (5) Agree the allocation of seats on committees not subject to political balance requirements as set out in Table 2.
- (6) Appoint members (and where appropriate, substitute members) to serve on each of the committees and other bodies set out in Tables 1 and 2 in accordance with the nominations to be made by political groups (Appendix 2 - to follow).
- (7) Appoint a representative to the County Council Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee.
- (8) Appoint a representative to the Police and Crime Commissioner Scrutiny Panel.

a) District Election Results

The following were elected for the Wards shown at the district elections held on 3 May 2012:

Adderbury – Councillor Nigel Randall
Banbury Calthorpe – Councillor Alastair Milne Home
Banbury Easington – Councillor Fred Blackwell
Banbury Grimsbury and Castle – Councillor Ann Bonner
Banbury Hardwick - Councillor John Donaldson
Banbury Neithrop – Councillor Surinder Dhesi
Banbury Ruscote – Councillor Sean Woodcock
Bicester East – Councillor Lawrie Stratford
Bicester North – Councillor Nick Mawer
Bicester South – Councillor Dan Sames
Bicester Town – Councillor Debbie Pickford
Bicester West – Councillor Russell Hurle
Bloxham and Bodicote – Councillor Lynda Thirzie Smart
Caversfield – Councillor Jon O’Neill
Kidlington South – Councillor Maurice Billington
Yarnton, Gosford and Water Eaton – Councillor Trevor Stevens

Recommendation

- (1) To note the results of the District Elections held on 3 May 2012.

b) Constitution of Political Groups

The Chief Executive will report on the notifications of the constitution of Political Groups received prior to the meeting and on the notifications from the Political Groups of the names of their Leaders for 2012/13.

Recommendation

- (2) To note the constitution of Political Groups and notification of Group Leaders.

c) Deputy Leader of the Council and Executive 2012/13

The Chief Executive will report on:

- Any change in the political control of the Council.

Appendix 1 comprising the report of the Leader of the Council on Executive Portfolios for the Municipal Year 2012/13 is to follow and will be tabled at the meeting.

Recommendation

- (3) To note the appointment of Deputy Leader of the Council, the membership of the Executive and the Executive Portfolios for 2012/13.

d) Committee Appointments 2012/13

Table 1: Allocation of Seats of Proportional Committees

The Leader of the Conservative Group has indicated to the Chief Executive that the seat to be nominated to the Labour Group is on the Resources and Performance Scrutiny Board.

The figures below marked by an asterisk take account of this adjustment.

	TOTAL	CON	LAB	LD
Overview & Scrutiny	12	10	1	1
Resources & Performance Scrutiny Board	12	9*	2*	1
Planning Committee	18	15	2	1
Personnel Committee	12	10	1	1
Licensing Committee	12	10	1	1
Appeals Panel	10	8	1	1
Accounts, Audit & Risk Committee	8	7	1	0
Joint Personnel Committee	5	4	1	0
Joint Appeals Panel	3	2	1	0
Proportional Total by Committee	92	76	10	6
Aggregate Entitlement	92	75	11	6
Adjustment Required		- 1	+ 1	-

Table 2: Allocation of Seats of Non-Proportional Committees

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

Notes:

Overview and Scrutiny Committee and Resources and Performance Scrutiny Board 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 or substitute members of the Personnel Committee.

Standards Committee must not include more than one member of the Executive, and must not include the Leader of the Council.

Council and Employee Joint Committee has a fixed membership, comprising the number indicated in the total column.

Joint Personnel Committee 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 Personnel Committee.

Recommendations

- (4) That the allocation of seats on committees that are subject to the political balance requirements be agreed as set out in Table 1.
- (5) That the allocation of seats on committees not subject to political balance requirements be agreed as set out in Table 2.
- (6) To appoint members (and where appropriate, substitute members) to serve on each of the committees and other bodies set out in Tables 1 and 2 in accordance with the nominations to be made by political groups (to follow).

e) Appointment of Representatives

Council is asked to appoint representatives to the County Council Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee and to the Police and Crime Commissioner Scrutiny Panel.

The 2011/12 representative on the former was Councillor Mrs Rose Stratford. The latter is a new appointment

Recommendation

- (7) To appoint a representative to the County Council Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee.
- (8) To appoint a representative to the Police and Crime Commissioner Scrutiny Panel.

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
- Option Two** To amend and agree the revised recommendations

Consultations

- Political Groups** The responses of political groups will be tabled at the meeting.

Implications

- Financial:** There are no financial implications arising from the report.
Comments checked by Karen Curtin, Head of Finance and Procurement, 0300 003 0106
- Legal:** It is a legal requirement for Council to agree proportionality after the District Elections and appoint committees. It is for the Council Leader to appoint the Deputy Leader and the other Executive members, and to allocate Lead Member responsibilities.
Comments checked by Kevin Lane, Head of Law and Governance, 0300 003 0107

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

Comments checked by Claire Taylor, Corporate Performance Manager 0300 003 0112

Wards Affected

All

Document Information

Appendix No	Title
Appendix 1	Executive Portfolios 2012/13 – to follow
Appendix 2	Committee Membership – to follow
Background Papers	
None	
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