

ANNUAL COUNCIL – 21ST MAY 2018

Report of the Chief Executive

ITEM 7 POLITICAL BALANCE AND APPOINTMENT TO COMMITTEES FOR 2018/19

Purpose of Report

1. To consider the political balance of the applicable Council committees for 2018/19 in accordance with the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 and the Local Government (Committees and Political Groups) Regulations 1990.
2. To consider appointments to committees (including Chairs and Vice-chairs where applicable) for 2018/19 in accordance with the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 and the Local Government (Committees and Political Groups) Regulations 1990.
3. To consider other appointments as required.

Recommendations

1. That the political balance arrangements for the Council year 2018/19, as set out in Appendix 1, be approved in accordance with the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 and the Local Government (Committees and Political Groups) Regulations 1990.
2. That appointments be made to the Council's committees set out in Appendix 2, including to the positions of Chair and Vice-chair where applicable, for the Council year 2018/19, and that the composition of the Loughborough Area Committee be noted.
3. That appointments of a representative on the Police and Crime Panel and a substitute be made for the Council year 2018/19.
4. That appointments to the Housing Management Advisory Board be made for the Council year 2018/19 on the basis of political balance (2 Conservative and 1 Labour).

Reasons

1. To ensure that the composition of the Council's committees reflects the political balance of the Council.
2. To reflect the wishes of political groups and make allocations to non-grouped councillors in making appointments to applicable committees in accordance with the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 and the Local Government (Committees and Political Groups) Regulations

1990, to confirm appointments to other committees and to provide information regarding the composition of the Loughborough Area Committee.

3. To ensure that the Borough Council is represented on the Panel.
4. To make appointments to the Board for 2018/19.

Policy Justification and Previous Decisions

Each year the Council has to formally set the political balance arrangements, which will be used to allocate seats on the Council's committees, in accordance with the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 and the Local Government (Committees and Political Groups) Regulations 1990.

Appointments made to the Licensing Committee do not have to be on the basis of political balance but by convention this method is used to allocate seats. In addition, by convention, the Council confirms the appointments to those scrutiny groups that are not required to be politically balanced and councillors can volunteer to join, ie the Performance Scrutiny Panel and the Policy Scrutiny Group, on an annual basis.

In making appointments to committees, Council also appoints the Chair and Vice-chair(s) except in the case of the Chair and Vice-chair of the Audit Committee, the Independent Chair being appointed by a separate process and the Vice-chair being appointed by the Audit Committee, and the Loughborough Area Committee, which appoints its own Chair and Vice-chair.

On 17th September 2012, the Council approved Charnwood's participation in the Joint Police and Crime Panel for the Leicestershire Police Area (Council Minute 31.1 2012/13 refers). Appointments to the Panel are a matter for Council as the Panel operates as a joint committee of the relevant authorities within the Police area. Nominations for a representative and a substitute have been sought from the Leader of the Council.

The Housing Management Advisory Board was established to promote tenant and leaseholder engagement in decisions relating to the Council's housing stock. The composition of the Board includes 3 Borough Councillor members appointed on the basis of political balance. The current political balance of the Council results in 2 appointments coming from the Conservative Group and 1 from the Labour Group. Nominations have been sought from both groups accordingly.

Implementation Timetable including Future Decisions and Scrutiny

The number of seats for each political group and for ungrouped councillors for both the overall entitlement and the entitlement for individual committees for the 2018/19 Council year are attached as Appendix 1.

Political groups will confirm their nominations for each of the committees. These nominations, along with nominations for Chairs and Vice-chairs (where appropriate), and appointments for non-grouped councillors will be circulated at the meeting.

Report Implications

Financial Implications

None.

Risk Management

No specific risks have been identified in connection with this report.

Background Papers: None

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Appendices

- Appendix 1: Political Balance Arrangements and Allocation of Seats - Local Government and Housing Act 1989
- Appendix 2: Committee Nominations (including Chairs and Vice-Chairs) 2018/19

APPENDIX 1

Political Balance Arrangements and Allocation of Seats Local Government and Housing Act 1989

Membership of the Council

	Number	%
Conservative	40	78.43
Labour	9	17.65
Others	2	3.92
Total	51	100

Total Allocation of Seats on Committees

Total	Share		Allocation
Conservative	41.57	rounds to	42
Labour	9.35	rounds to	9
Others	2.08	rounds to	2
Total	53		53

The Cabinet, Licensing Committee, Loughborough Area Committee, Performance Scrutiny Panel and Policy Scrutiny Group do not need to be politically balanced and are not included in the above calculation.

Allocation of Seats on Individual Committees

Scrutiny Management Board (8 Seats)

Conservative	6
Labour	2
Others	0

Total	8
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The Scrutiny Management Board comprises 5 Commissioners and 3 Assistant Commissioners. Of these, 3 Commissioners and 3 Assistant Commissioners are the Chairs and Vice-chairs of Overview Scrutiny Group, Performance Scrutiny Panel and Policy Scrutiny Group.

Overview Scrutiny Group (7 Seats)

Conservative	5
Labour	1
Others	1

Total	7
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Appeals and Reviews Committee (5 Seats)

Conservative	4
Labour	1
Others	0

Total	5
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Audit Committee (6 Seats + Independent Chair)

Conservative	5
Labour	1
Others	0

Total	6
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Member Conduct Committee (7 Seats)

Conservative	6
Labour	1
Others	0

Total	7
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Personnel Committee (7 Seats)

Conservative	6
Labour	1
Others	0
Total	7

Plans Committee (13 Seats)

Conservative	10
Labour	2
Others	1
Total	13

Summary of Allocation of Seats on Committees

	Scrutiny Management Board	Overview Scrutiny Committee	Appeals and Reviews Committee	Audit Committee	Member Conduct Committee	Personnel Committee	Plans Committee	Total
Conservative	6	5	4	5	6	6	10	42
Labour	2	1	1	1	1	1	2	9
Others	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	2
Total	8	7	5	6	7	7	13	53

Committee Nominations (including Chairs and Vice-chairs) 2018/19

Appeals and Reviews Committee

Name	Group
(Chair)	Conservative
(Vice-chair)	Conservative
	Conservative
	Conservative
	Labour

Audit Committee

Name	Group
Mr Bev Angell (Chair) *	Independent Person
(Vice Chair)	Conservative
	Conservative
	Conservative
	Conservative
	Conservative
	Labour

* The Chair of the Audit Committee is an Independent Person appointed by a separate process. No voting is required for that appointment. The Vice-Chair is appointed by the Committee.

Member Conduct Committee

Name	Group
(Chair)	Conservative
(Vice-chair)	Conservative
	Conservative
	Conservative
	Conservative
	Conservative
	Labour
Betty Crick**	Parish Member
Dennis Marchant**	Parish Member
Vicky Ball**	Parish Member

** The Parish Members are appointed by a separate process and listed here for completeness. No voting is required for those appointments.

Overview Scrutiny Group

Name	Group
(Chair)	Conservative
(Vice-chair)	Conservative
	Conservative
	Conservative
	Conservative
	Labour
	Other

Personnel Committee

Name	Group
(Chair)	Conservative
(Vice-chair)	Labour
	Conservative
	Conservative
	Conservative
	Conservative
	Conservative

Plans Committee

Name	Group
(Chair)	Conservative
(Vice-chair)	Labour
	Conservative
	Conservative
	Conservative
	Conservative
	Conservative
	Conservative
	Conservative
	Conservative
	Conservative
	Labour
	Other

Scrutiny Management Board

Name	Group	Role
(Chair)	Labour	Commissioner
(Vice-chair)	Conservative	Commissioner
	Conservative	Commissioner
	Conservative	Commissioner
	Conservative	Commissioner
	Conservative	Assistant Commissioner
	Conservative	Assistant Commissioner
	Labour	Assistant Commissioner

Comprises Chair and Vice-Chair (both commissioners) and the Chairs (Commissioners) and Vice-Chairs (Assistant Commissioners) of the Overview Scrutiny Group, Policy Scrutiny Group and Performance Scrutiny Panel.

COMMITTEES AND SCRUTINY BODIES WHERE THERE IS NO REQUIREMENT FOR POLITICAL BALANCE

Licensing Committee

Name	Group
(Chair)	Conservative
(Vice-chair)	Conservative
(Vice-chair)	Labour
	Conservative
	Conservative
	Conservative
	Conservative
	Conservative
	Conservative
	Conservative
	Conservative
	Conservative
	Conservative
	Labour
	Other

Loughborough Area Committee

Name	Ward	Group
Councillor Hachem Councillor Bradshaw	Loughborough Ashby	Conservative Labour
Councillor Cooper Councillor K. Harris	Loughborough Dishley and Hathern	Conservative Labour
Councillor Campsall Councillor Smith	Loughborough Garendon	Independent Conservative
Councillor Hamilton Councillor Draycott	Loughborough Hastings	Labour Labour
Councillor C. Harris Councillor Miah	Loughborough Lemyngton	Labour Labour
Councillor Parsons Councillor Smidowicz	Loughborough Nanpantan	Conservative Conservative
Councillor Jukes Councillor Morgan	Loughborough Outwoods	Conservative Conservative
Councillor Hayes Councillor Huddleston	Loughborough Shelthorpe	Conservative Labour
Councillor Mercer Councillor Parton	Loughborough Southfields	Conservative Conservative
Councillor Forrest Councillor Tillotson	Loughborough Storer	Labour Labour

*** Members elected to Borough Wards falling within or partly within the Town of Loughborough and listed here for completeness. No voting is required as the Chair and Vice Chair of the Loughborough Area Committee are elected annually from amongst its members.

The following scrutiny bodies require a minimum of 3 members with no maximum and do not need to be politically balanced. Councillors can nominate themselves on to these bodies during the year.

Performance Scrutiny Panel

Name	Group
(Chair)	Conservative
(Vice-chair)	Conservative

Policy Scrutiny Group

Name	Group
(Chair)	Conservative
(Vice-chair)	Labour