
REPORT OF DIRECTOR GOVERNANCE AND LEGAL SERVICES

POLITICAL BALANCE AND ALLOCATION OF COMMITTEE SEATS

Reason for this Report.

1. To inform Council of a change in the political balance of the Council.
2. To confirm the current composition and membership of Committees made in accordance with party group wishes.

Background

3. The Council at its Annual Meeting on 28 May 2016 established its committees and allocated seats to party groups in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 and the Local Government (Committees and Political Groups) Regulations 1990 as amended.
4. The legislation requires the Council to allocate committee seats to political groups in proportion, as far as is reasonably practicable, to the size of those groups on the Council. Once the Council has determined the allocation of seats, it is obliged to make appointments so as to give effect to the wishes of the political group to which the seat has been allocated.

Issues

5. The political balance of the Council has changed following the notification received from Councillor Manzoor Ahmed that with effect from 8 February 2017 he has become a member of the Liberal Democrat Group. In addition, a vacancy has occurred in the office of Councillor following the death of Councillor Morgan on 20 January 2017. In accordance with statutory requirement a notice of the vacancy of Councillor has been published but the vacancy will remain unfilled until 4 May 2017.
6. The political balance of the Council as at 9 February 2017 is as follows:

Groups	Number of Councillors	Proportionality
Labour	39	52%
Liberal Democrat	16	21.33%

Groups	Number of Councillors	Proportionality
Conservative	9	12%
Plaid Cymru	5	6.67%
Ungrouped	3	4%
Vacant seats	3	4%

9. The current composition of Committee and allocation of seats is attached as Appendix A. Under the rules on political balance and distribution of seats, the Council approved an alternative arrangement at its meeting on 26 January 2017.

Legal Implications

7. The legal implications are set out in the body of this report.

Financial Implications

8. There are there are no additional financial implications arising from this report that have not been included within the Council's budget for 2015/16.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Council is recommended to

- (1) note the change in the political composition of the Council as set out in the report;
- (2) note the composition of Committees and the allocation of seats;
- (3) receive and approve any nominations to vacancies in accordance with party group wishes. Any nominations received will appear on the Amendment Sheet.

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Background Papers

Notification under Local Government and Housing Act 1989 Local Government (Committee and Political Groups) Regulation 1990 – from Councillor Manzoor Ahmed dated 8/02/2016

Composition of Committees and Membership as at 9 February 2017**Ordinary Committees****Planning Committee (12 Members)**

Labour (7)	Councillors Ali Ahmed, Gordon, Hunt, Michael (Chr) Murphy and Thorne (Dep Chair) (1 vacancy)
Liberal Democrat (3)	Councillors Manzoor Ahmed and Burfoot (1 vacancy)
Conservative (2)	Councillor Hudson and Robson

Licensing Committee (12 Members)

Labour (8)*	Councillors Goddard, Murphy (Dep Chr), Parry (Chr) and Simmons (4 vacancies)
Liberal Democrat (3)	Councillors Boyle, Kelloway and Lloyd
Conservative (1)	Councillor Hudson

Public Protection Committee (12 Members)

Labour (8)*	Councillors Goddard, Murphy (Dep Chr), Parry (Chr) and Simmons (4 vacancies)
Liberal Democrat (3)	Councillors Boyle, Kelloway and Lloyd
Conservative (1)	Councillor Hudson

Audit Committee (12 - 8 Council Members & 4 Independent Members)

Labour (5)	Councillors McGarry, Mitchell, Murphy, Weaver (1 vacancy)
Liberal Democrats (2)	Councillor Howells and Kelloway
Conservative (1)	Councillor Walker
Independent Members (4)	Ian Arundale (Chr) , Gavin McArthur, David Price and David Hugh Thomas (Dep Chr).

Constitution Committee (12 Members)

Labour (8)	Councillors Dilwar Ali, De'Ath (Chr) , Goodway, Gordon, Hinchey, Knight, Magill and Patel.
Liberal Democrat (3)	Councillors Aubrey, Bridges and Woodman
Conservative (1)	Councillor Walker

Corporate Parenting Advisory Committee (9 Members *excluding any members of the Children and Young People's Scrutiny Committee*)

Labour (6) 3 Cabinet Members, to include the Deputy Leader (as Chair of the Committee), Cabinet Member for Children's Services and the Cabinet Member for Education; 3 other Labour Members	Councillors De'Ath, Evans, Goddard, Lent (Chr) and Merry. (1 vacancy)
Liberal Democrats (2)	2 vacancies
Conservative (1)*	*
Independent *(1)	*Councillor Sanders

Council Appeals Committee (9 Members)

Labour (6)	Councillors Hinchey, Lent, Murphy, Benjamin Thomas and Huw Thomas (1 vacancy).
Liberal Democrat (2)	Councillors Bridges and Woodman
Conservative (1)	Councillor Cowan

Democratic Services Committee (12 Members)

Labour (7)	Councillors Dilwar Ali, De'Ath, Goddard, Murphy, Benjamin Thomas and Wild (1 vacancy).
Liberal Democrat (3)	Councillors Boyle (Chr) , Chaundy and Hyde.
Conservative (2)	Councillor Robson. (1 vacancy)

Employment Conditions Committee (8 Members)

Labour (5)	Councillor Bale, Davis, Hinchey (Chr) , Joyce and Magill.
Liberal Democrat (2)	Councillor David Rees and Woodman.
Conservative (1)	Councillor Walker

Standards & Ethics Committee (3 Council Members, 5 Independent Members and 1 Community Councillor)

Labour (1)	Councillors Phillips
Liberal Democrats (1)	(1 vacancy)
Conservative (1)	Councillor Cowan
Independent Members:	Richard Tebboth (Chr) Holly Edward-Davies, Dr James Downe, David Hugh Thomas and Lizz Roe; Community Councillor John Hughes

Local Authority Governor Panel (7 Members - at least 1 Member each Party Group)

Labour (4)	Councillor Hinchey, Hunt, Merry (Chr) and Phillips.
Liberal Democrat (1)	Councillor Chaundy
Conservative (1)	Councillor Dianne Rees
Plaid Cymru (1)*	-
Independent *(1)	Councillor Bowden

Pensions Committee (5 Members)

Labour (3)	Councillors Elsmore, Evans and Hinchey (Chr)
Liberal Democrat (1)	Councillor Woodman
Conservative (1)	Councillor McKerlich

Scrutiny Committees

Children & Young People Scrutiny Committee (8 Council Members and 4 Co-opted Members)

Labour (5)	Councillors Richard Cook (Chr) , Gordon, Joyce, Murphy and Thorne.
Liberal Democrat (2)	Councillors Chaundy and Boyle
Conservative (1)	Councillor Dianne Rees
Co Opted Members	Carol Cobert (Church in Wales Representative) & Mrs P Arlotte (Roman Catholic Representative); Hayley Smith & Karen Dell'Armi (Parent Governor representative) (1 Parent Governor vacancy)

Community & Adult Services Scrutiny Committee (8 Members)

Labour (5)	Councillors Ali Ahmed, Chris Davis, Magill, McGarry (Chr) (1 vacancy)
Liberal Democrat (2)*	Councillor Carter
Conservative (1)**	-
Independent (1) *	Councillor Sanders
Independent **(1)	Councillor Ralph Cook

Economy and Culture Scrutiny Committee (8 Members)

Labour (5)	Councillors Dilwar Ali, Keith Jones, Simmons and Stubbs (1 vacancy).
Liberal Democrat (2)	Councillors Howells and Hyde
Conservative (1)	Councillor McKerlich (Chr)

Environmental Scrutiny Committee (8 Members)

Labour (4)	Councillors Chris Davis, Keith Jones, Mitchell (Chr) and Darren Williams.
Liberal Democrat (2)	Councillors Aubrey and Clark
Conservative (1)	Councillor Hill-John
Plaid Cymru (1)	Councillor Awan

Policy Review & Performance Scrutiny Committee (8 Members)

Labour (5)	Councillors Goddard, Hunt, Murphy and Huw Thomas (1 vacancy)
Liberal Democrat (2)*	Councillor Howells (Chr)
Conservative (1)	Councillor Walker
Independent *(1)	Councillor Sanders

Other Committees

Bilingual Cardiff Working Group (9 Members – at least 1 Member each Party group)

Labour (6 – including Cabinet Member with responsibility for Welsh Language)	Councillors Bale, Evans, Goodway, Knight Lent and Huw Thomas (Chr)
Liberal Democrat (1)	Councillor Nigel Howells
Conservative (1)	1 vacancy
Plaid (1)	Councillor McEvoy

Works Council (5 Members)

Labour (3)	Councillors Bale, Hinchey and Magill.
Liberal Democrat (1)	Councillor Woodman
Conservative (1)	Councillor Walker

Health & Safety Advisory Group (5 Members)

Labour (3)	Councillors Groves and Hinchey (1 vacancy)
Liberal Democrat (1)	Cllr Woodman
Conservative (1)	1 vacancy

Glamorgan Archives Joint Committee (5 Members)

Labour (2)**	Councillor Huw Thomas (1 vacancy)
Liberal Democrat (1)	1 vacancy
Conservatives (2)**	Councillors Cowan and Robson