
REPORT OF COUNTY CLERK & MONITORING OFFICER

**POLITICAL BALANCE, APPOINTMENTS TO VACANCIES ON
COMMITTEES AND MEMBER CHAMPION**

Reason for this Report.

1. To inform Council of a change in the Political balance in accordance with Section 15 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989, and the Local Government (Committees and Political Groups) Regulations 1990 as amended in 1991.
2. To provide an update following Annual Council 21 May 2015 on the appointment to Committees by Party Groups to meet the change in composition and fill outstanding vacancies.
3. To appoint to the vacancy for the Council's Member Champion for Diversity and Equalities.

Background

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.
5. The requirement is for representation to be proportional on each committee and across the relevant committees taken as a whole, subject to Section 15 (5) (b) of the 1989 Act which provides that where the majority of seats on the Council are held by one political group, that group shall have a majority on all bodies to which appointments are made.
6. Notification was received from the Conservative Group on 8 June 2015 that Councillors Cowan and Robson had joined the Group with effect from 8 June 2015. This effected a change in the composition of the Conservative Group and the Independent Group on the Council. There is one vacancy currently for the ward of Pentyrch.
7. The Council at its Annual Council on 21 May 2015 established its committees and allocated seats proportionally in line with the relevant provisions of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 (Section 15)

and Local Government (Committees and Political Groups) Regulations 1990.

Allocation of Seats

8. The total number of seats on Committees which are subject to the political balance is 139. Based on the revised the change in composition of the Council on 8 June 2015 the proportional allocation of seats on Ordinary Committees and Scrutiny Committees is as set out in Table A below:

TABLE A - Composition of the Council as at 8 June 2015:

Groups	Number of Councillors	Proportionality	Number of seats
Labour	46	61.33%	86
Liberal Democrat	15	20%	28
Conservative	8	10.67%	15
Independent	2	2.67%	4
Plaid Cymru	2	2.67%	4
Ungrouped *	1	1.33%	1
Vacant **	1	1.33%	1

*One Independent Member not a Member of a Group

** Vacancy Pentyrch Ward

9. The proportional allocation of seats, as set out in Table A above, has been discussed with all Party Group Whips at a meetings on 11 May and 17 June 2015. The Plaid Group has indicated that it does not wish to take up its allocation of Committee seats, and therefore, these have been distributed amongst the other Groups, as shown in Appendix a.
10. Under the rules on political balance, the Council may adopt an alternative arrangement to strict political proportionality for the allocation of seats on Committees and distribute seats on a different basis provided that notice of such proposal is given in the Council Summons, and the alternative arrangement is approved by Council, without any Member voting against the arrangement (referred to as a '*nem con*' vote).
11. Notice has been given on the Council Summons to effect the alternative arrangement for the distribution of seats on Committees as detailed in Appendix A.

Committee Membership

12. Annual Council 21 May 2015 made appointments to Committees in accordance with the agreed political balance arrangements and the wishes of Political groups.
13. Attached as Appendix B to the report is the updated Committee Membership list for 2015/16. Further nominations from Political groups to vacancies will be reported to Council on the amendment sheet.

Member Champion

14. The Council on 24 July 2014 in accordance with the Cabinet proposal 15 May 2014 appointed a Council Member Champion for Diversity and Equalities. The Council is requested to appoint to this role which is currently vacant.

Legal Implications

15. The legal Implications are set out in the body of this report.

Financial Implications

16. There are no financial implications arising from this report.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Council

- (1) notes the details of the political balance of the Council as set out in Table 1 of the report; and
- (2) approves alternative arrangements' for the allocation of seats on each Committee as set out in Appendix A and agreed by Party Group Whips on 11 May and 17 June 2015;
- (3) notes and approves the update to the Committee Membership as detailed in Appendix B to the report;
- (4) approves any further nominations to vacancies on Committees as contained on the amendment sheet;
- (5) to approve the appointment of Councillor Ali Ahmed as Member Champion for Diversity and Equalities.

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County Clerk & Monitoring Officer

19 June 2015

Appendix A – Political Balance and Allocation of seats 2015/16

Appendix B – Committee Membership 2015/16

Distribution of Seats Based on Political Balance 8 June 2015

APPENDIX A

Committee	Number of Seats	Labour	Lib Dem	Cons	Ind Group	Plaid	Heath Ind	Vacant	Total
<u>Committees subject to Political Balance</u>									
No of Seats	75/75	46/75	15/75	8/75	2/75	2/75	1/75	1/75	75
Percentage		61.33%	20%	10.67%	2.67%	2.67%	1.33%	1.33%	100
Total No Seats	139	86	28	15	4	4	(1)	(1)	139
Ordinary Committees									
Planning	12	8	2	2					12
Licensing	12	8	3	1					12
Public Protection	12	8	3	1					12
Audit Committee	8	5	1	1	1				8
Constitution Committee	12	7	3	1	1				12
Corporate Parenting Advisory Committee	9	6	2	1					9
Council Appeals	9	6	2	1					9
Democratic Services Committee	12	7	3	1	1				12
Employment Conditions	8	5	2	1					8
No of Seats	94	60	21	10	3	0	0	0	94
Percentage		62.77%	23.4%	10.63%	3.2%				100%
GROUP ENTITLEMENT	94	58	19	10	3	3	1		94
Scrutiny Committees									
Children & Young People	9	6	2	1					9
Community & Adult	9	5	2	1	1				9
Economic & Culture	9	6	2	1					9
Environment	9	6	2	1					9
Policy Review & Performance	9	6	2	1					9
No of Seats	45	29	10	5	1	0	0	0	45
Percentage		64.45%	22.22%	11.11%	2.22%				100%
GROUP ENTITLEMENT	45	28	9	5	1	1			45
TOTAL NO OF SEATS									
Percentage		64.03%	22.3%	10.79%	2.88%				100%
GROUP ENTITLEMENT	139	86	28	15	4	4	(1)		139

Committee	Number of Seats	Labour	Lib Dem	Cons	Ind Group	Plaid	Heath Ind		Total
<u>Political Balance not applicable</u>									
Standards & Ethics Committee	3	1	1	1					
Bilingual Cardiff Working Group	10	6	1	1	1	1			
Local Authority Governor Panel	7	3	1	1	1	1			
Works Council	5	3	1	1					
Health & Safety Advisory Group	5	3	1	1					

**CITY & COUNTY OF CARDIFF
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COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP 2015/16

Cabinet

(9 Members)

Councillors **Bale (Ldr)**, Bradbury, De'Ath, Derbyshire, Elsmore, Hinchey, Lent (Dpty Ldr) Merry and Patel

Ordinary Committees

Planning Committee

(12 Members: 8 Labour, 2 Liberal Democrats, 2 Conservative)

Councillors Ali Ahmed, Manzoor Ahmed, Burfoot, Gordon, Hudson, Hunt, Lomax (Dep Chr), **Michael (Chr)**, Phillips, Robson and Thorne
(1 vacancy)

Licensing Committee

(12 Members: 12 Members: 8 Labour, 3 Liberal Democrats and 1 Conservative)

Councillors Manzoor Ahmed, Boyle, Bridges, Goddard (Dep Chr), Hudson, Kelloway, Derrick Morgan, Murphy, **Parry (Chr)**, Phillips and Simmons.
(1 vacancy)

Public Protection Committee

(12 Members: 12 Members: 8 Labour, 3 Liberal Democrats and 1 Conservative)

Councillors Manzoor Ahmed, Boyle, Bridges, Goddard (Dep Chr), Hudson, Kelloway, Derrick Morgan, Murphy, **Parry (Chr)**, Phillips and Simmons.
(1 vacancy)

Audit Committee

(8 Council Members 5 Labour, 1 Liberal Democrat, 1 Conservative & 1 Independent; and 4 Independent Members Panel)

Councillors Howells, McGarry, Mitchell, Murphy, Dianne Rees, Robson and Weaver. **(1 vacancy)**

Mr Ian Arundale, Mr David Hugh Thomas, Prof Maurice Pendlebury and Sir Jon Shortridge

Constitution Committee

(12 Members: 7 Labour, 3 Liberal Democrats, 1 Conservative and 1 Independent)

Councillors Aubrey,, **De’Ath (Chr)** Goodway, Gordon, Hinchey, Holden, Margaret Jones, Knight, Magill, Dianne Rees, White, and Woodman

Corporate Parenting Advisory Committee

(9 Members: 6 Labour, 2 Liberal Democrats and 1 Conservative)
(*Actual 7 x Labour & 1 x Independent (1 vacancy)*)

Councillors De’Ath, Evans, Goddard, Joyce, **Lent (Chr)**, Merry, Sanders and White (**1 vacancy**)

Council Appeals Committee

(9 Members: 6 Labour, 2 Liberal Democrats, 1 Conservative)

Councillors Manzoor Ahmed, Bridges, Hinchey, Javed, Lent, Murphy, Dianne Rees, Benjamin Thomas and Woodman

Democratic Services Committee

(12 Members: 12 Members: 7 Labour, 3 Liberal Democrats, 1 Conservative and 1 Independent)

Councillors Dilwar Ali, Chaundy, **Clark (Chr)** Goddard, Graham, Hinchey, Hyde, Lomax, Murphy, Sanders, Benjamin Thomas and Weaver.

Employment Conditions Committee

(8 Members: 5 Labour, 2 Liberal Democrats, and 1 Conservative)

Councillors Aubrey, Bale, Davis, **Hinchey (Chr)**, Margaret Jones, Joyce, Dianne Rees and Walsh.

Standards & Ethics Committee

(9 Members: 1 Labour, 1 Liberal Democrat, 1 Conservative, 5 Non-Council Members and 1 Community Councillor)

Councillors Cowan, Margaret Jones & Phillips

Holly Edward-Davies, Dr James Downe, David Hugh Thomas, Mary Roe, and **Richard Tebboth (Chr)**

Community Councillor John Hughes

Local Authority Governor Panel

(7 Members at least 1 Member each party)

Councillors Chaundy, Ford, Holden, Hunt, **Merry (Chr)**, Phillips and Dianne Rees

Scrutiny Committees

Children and Young People

(13 Members: 6 Labour, 2 Liberal Democrats, 1 Conservative and 4 Co-opted – 1CW, 1RC and 2 PG)

Councillors Boyle, Chaundy, **Richard Cook (Chr)**, Gordon, Govier, Morgan, Murphy, Dianne Rees and Thorne

Carol Cobert (Church in Wales Representative); Mrs P Arlotte (Roman Catholic Representative); Catrin Lewis, Hayley Smith (Parent Governor representative)

Community and Adult Services

(9 Members: 5 Labour, 2 Liberal Democrats, 1 Conservative and 1 Independent)

County Councillors Carter, Goddard, **McGarry (Chr)**, Lomax, Sanders and Graham Thomas. **(3 vacancies)**

Economy and Culture

(9 Members: 6 Labour, 2 Liberal Democrats and 1 Conservative)

County Councillors Dilwar Ali, Ralph Cook, Howells, Hyde, Javed, **McKerlich (Chr)** Stubbs, Weaver and Darren Williams.

Environmental

(9 Members: 6 Labour, 2 Liberal Democrats, and 1 Conservative)

Councillors Aubrey, Clark, **Ralph Cook (Chr)**, Davis, Lomax and Mitchell **(3 vacancies)**

Policy Review and Performance

(9 Members: 5 Labour, 2 Liberal Democrats, 1 Conservative and 1 Independent)

Councillors Cowan, Goodway, **Howells (Chr)**, Hunt, Love and Murphy. **(2 vacancies)**

Other Committees

Bilingual Cardiff Working Group

(10 Members at least 1 Member each Party Group)

Councillors Dilwar Ali, Bale, Evans, Goodway, Holden, Howells, Lent, McEvoy and Huw Thomas **(1 vacancy)**

Works Council

Councillors Bale, Hinchey, Dianne Rees and Walsh (**1 vacancy**)

Health & Safety Advisory Group

Councillors Groves, Hinchey (Cabinet Member) and Walsh
(**2 vacancies**)

Appointments Committee

To comprise of 5 Members in accordance with the rule on political balance.

Disciplinary & Grievance Appeals Committee

To comprise not less than 3 and not more than 5 members in accordance with the rule on political balance.

Joint Committees

Glamorgan Archives Joint Committee

(Joint Committee - 5 Cardiff Representatives 3 Labour, 1 Liberal Democrat, 1 Conservative)

(Actual 3 x Labour & 2 x Independent)

County Councillors Cowan, Lomax, Parry, Robson, & Huw Thomas

Prosiect Gwyrdd Joint Committee

(Joint Committee - 2 Cardiff Representatives 2 x Labour)

County Councillor Derbyshire & Hinchey

Regulatory Services Joint Committee

Councillors De'Ath and Parry

Central South Joint Education Service

Councillor Merry

Welsh Purchasing Consortium Management Board

Councillor Hinchey