

Agenda item 8: Confirmation of Committees and Allocation of Membership

Update note

Changes to political groups

Since the publication of the agenda for the council meeting, there have been a number of changes to the membership of the political groups, including the establishment of two new political groups. The changes affect the allocation of seats on the various committees of the council to political groups.

The changes do not affect the Conservative or Labour groups. The other political groups as they are now configured (following the recent changes) are set out below:

Independent Group (NEW) (Leader: Councillor Peter Collins): (12 members)

Councillor Armit
Councillor Bamforth
Councillor Bickerstaffe
Councillor Brickles
Councillor Damian Buckley
Councillor Edward Collins
Councillor Peter Collins
Councillor Farrington
Councillor Griffiths
Councillor Hayhurst
Councillor Hodgson
Councillor Nash

Liberal Democrat Group (NEW) (Leader: Councillor Henshaw): (2 members)

Councillor Gardner
Councillor Henshaw

In addition, Councillor Goodman has given notice that she will sit as a non-aligned councillor. Councillor Lee, as a member of a group with fewer than two remaining members, would also become a non-aligned councillor.

Allocation of committee seats

The distribution of committee seats recommended by the table in the report has now been superseded by the recommended distribution of committee seats at the end of this report. Political groups are asked to make nominations to the seats allocated to them. (It is up to the council which non-aligned councillors to assign to the seats allocated to non-aligned councillors.)

Political groups are strongly encouraged to have their committee nominations finalised so that the council can formally assign the seats at this evening’s meeting without needing to resort to the formal and relatively lengthy fallback procedure set out in the relevant regulations.

Committee	Total seats	Con	Ind	Lab	LD	NA
Executive	12	7	3	0	1	1
Internal Affairs Scrutiny	12	7	3	1	1	0
Community Focus Scrutiny	12	7	4	0	0	1
Planning	12	7	4	1	0	0
Public Protection	12	7	3	1	1	0
Audit and Governance	9	5	3	0	0	1
Standards	5	3	2	0	0	0
Chief Officers Employment	6	4	2	0	0	0