

County Council – 17 May 2016

Appointments to Committees and Other Bodies

Recommendations:

- (1) That Council confirms the Committee structure and delegations to member bodies and officers as set out in the Constitution (subject to any amendments proposed and agreed at this meeting):
- (2) That Council agrees the appointment of members to the Committees and other bodies as set out in Appendix A (subject to any amendments).
- (3) That the Council authorises the Strategic Director of Resources to make such amendments to the Council's Constitution as may be required as a consequence of any changes agreed by Council.

1.0 Establishment of Committees

- 1.1 Article 5 of the Constitution requires, as a minimum, the establishment of the following bodies:

Cabinet (appointed by the Leader).
Overview and Scrutiny Committee (at least one)
Audit and Standards Committee
Regulatory Committee
Staff and Pensions Committee (The Leader of the Council Chairs)

The Council currently has four Overview and Scrutiny Committees:

Adult Social Care and Health O&S Committee
Children, Young People & Families O&S Committee
Communities O&S Committee
Resources and Fire & Rescue O&S Committee

2.0 Allocation of seats between political groups

- 2.1 The composition of the Council is 26 Conservative Group; 22 Labour Group; 9 Liberal Democrat Group; 3 Independent Group and 2 Green Group.

The Local Government and Housing Act 1989 requires that appointments to committees and sub-committees must achieve political balance in their membership. (There are exceptions to this notably for geographically based committees on which all local members sit).

2.2 The other ground rules are:

Committees: the aggregate allocation of all committee seats must be proportional to the party groups' overall membership on the Council. Within those allocations each individual committee must be split as close to the overall proportions as possible.

Sub-committees: the sub-committee is split proportionally – there is no aggregation.

Panels, Working groups: the national rules do not apply but the Council has applied the proportionality rule as a matter of good practice.

2.3 The overall rules can be set aside in favour of local arrangements provided this is agreed by the Council with no-one voting against it.

2.4 The allocation to committees agreed at the Annual meeting in 2014 is set out below.

Committees	Con	Lab	LD	Green	Ind.	Total
Audit and Standards	3	2	1			6
Regulatory	5	4	2		1	12
Staff and Pensions	3	2	1			6
Adults & Health OSC	4	4	1		1	10
Children & Young People OSC	4	4	1	1		10
Communities OSC	4	4	2			10
Resources and Fire & Rescue OSC	4	3	1	1	1	10
Total seat allocation	27	23	9	2	3	64
<i>Proportional allocation of seats</i>	<i>26.835</i>	<i>22.707</i>	<i>9.292</i>	<i>2.060</i>	<i>3.072</i>	

2.5 The Council is invited to confirm/make appointments to Committees and other bodies listed in Appendix A. This includes confirming the appointment of Keith Bray as independent Chair of both the Local Pension Board and the Warwickshire Fire and Rescue Local Pension Board (terms of reference of which were agreed by Council in May 2015). Council is also asked to approve the appointment of Robert Moyney, Deputy Chief Fire Officer, to the Fire and Rescue Local Pension Board (replacing Gary Phillips who has left the authority).

2.6 The Police and Crime Panel is also included in Appendix A but it will be necessary to review the membership in the light of any changes in the number of seats held by each political group across the Warwickshire area following the district and borough elections on 5 May 2016. A suggested recommendation is included in Appendix A that would delegate the Strategic Director of Resources to change the allocation of seats in consultation with Leaders of the political groups.

3.0 Chairs and Vice Chairs

The Leader of the Council Chairs the Staff and Pensions Committee. The Staff and Pensions Committee appoints the Pension Fund Investment Sub-Committee.

The Chairs and Vice-Chairs of other Committees are appointed at the first meeting of each body. The exception is the Audit and Standards Committee which has an independent chair (John Bridgeman). The Council is invited to consider the appointment of the Chair of this Committee.

4.0 Members Allowances Scheme

If there are any proposed changes in the political management structure and responsibilities this may impact on the allowances payable under the member allowances scheme. Therefore members may need to consider whether any changes should be referred to the Independent Remuneration Panel.

5.0 Schemes of Delegation

The Constitution sets out the delegation of powers to member bodies and officers. The Council is invited to confirm these - except in so far as they may be inconsistent with any changes to the arrangements made for the member bodies set out above.

Background Information

None

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Draft Recommendations

1. That the Council confirms the Committee structure and delegations to member bodies and officers as set out in the Constitution (*subject to any amendments proposed and agreed at this meeting*)

{List any changes required to terms of reference/size/membership of committees}

2. That the number of places on Council Committees be as follows

Committees	Con	Lab	LD	Green	Ind	Total
Audit & Standards Committee						
Regulatory Committee						
Staff & Pensions Committee						
<i>Such Overview and Scrutiny Committees as may be appointed each to be listed separately</i>						
Total (to be politically proportionate)	27	23	9	2	3	64

3. That the Council appoints the committees and membership:

Groups to nominate members

Committees	Con	Lab	LD	Green	Ind	Total
Audit & Standards Committee						
Regulatory Committee						
Staff and Pensions Committee						
<i>Such Overview and Scrutiny Committees as may be appointed each to be listed separately</i>						
Total (to be politically proportionate)	27	23	9	2	3	64

4. That John Bridgeman be confirmed as the Chair of the Audit and Standards Committee.

5. That the Council confirms/amends the County Councillor membership of the Health and Wellbeing Board (currently 3 Conservatives and 1 Labour member:

6. That the Leader of the Council be confirmed as the Chair of the Health and Wellbeing Board

7. That the Council confirms/amends membership to the following bodies:

	Conservative	Labour	Liberal Democrat
Corporate Parenting Panel	(3)	(2)	(1)
Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education (SACRE)	(2)	(2)	(1)

8. (a) That the Council confirms/appoints to the following external/partnership bodies subject to review of the Police and Crime Panel appointments as at (b) below.

	Conservative	Labour	Liberal Democrat
Police and Crime Panel (5)	(2)	(2)	(1)
LEP	(1)	(1)	
Local Pension Board	(1)	(1)	
Waste Partnership	(2)	(2)	(1)
LGA	(2)	(1)	(1)
CCN	(2)	(1)	(1)
LGA Fire	(1)		

- (b) That the Strategic Director of Resources, in consultation with the Leaders of the political groups, be authorised to change the allocation of seats between the political groups on the Police and Crime Panel following the district/borough elections to ensure the geographical and political balance of the Panel.

9. That Council confirms the appointment of Keith Bray as independent Chair of the Local Pension Board and Chair of the Warwickshire Fire and Rescue Local Pension Board and also appoints Robert Moyney, Deputy Chief Fire Officer, to the Warwickshire Fire and Rescue Local Pension Board.