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Membership:

Cllrs:

Salman Akbar
(Mayor)
Karen Ashley
(Deputy Mayor)
Imran Altaf
Joe Baker
Juliet Barker Smith
Joanne Beecham
Juma Begum
Brandon Clayton
Luke Court
Matthew Dormer
James Fardoe
Peter Fleming
Alex Fogg
Andrew Fry
Lucy Harrison

Bill Hartnett
Sharon Harvey
Chris Holz
Joanna Kane
Sid Khan
Anthony Lovell
Emma Marshall
Kerrie Miles
Gemma Monaco
Timothy Pearman
Jane Spilsbury
Monica Stringfellow
Craig Warhurst
Ian Woodall

12. Urgent Business - general (if any) (Pages 5 - 14)

To consider any additional items exceptionally agreed by the Mayor as Urgent Business in accordance with the powers vested in him by virtue of Section 100(B)(4)(b) of the Local Government Act 1972.

Following a change to political group membership at the Council, Members are invited to consider and vote on a report concerning the political balance at the authority.

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Report title: Item 12: Urgent Business: Committee Appointments Report

Relevant Portfolio Holder	Councillor Matthew Dormer
Portfolio Holder Consulted	Yes
Relevant Head of Service	Claire Felton, Head of Legal, Democratic and Property Services
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Wards Affected	All
Ward Councillor(s) consulted	N/A
Relevant Strategic Purpose(s)	An Effective and Sustainable Council
Non-Key Decision	
If you have any questions about this report, please contact the report author in advance of the meeting.	

1. RECOMMENDATIONS

Council is asked to RESOLVE that

- 1) the Political balance of the Committees of the Council be agreed as set out at Appendix 1;**
- 2) the arrangement where the seats on the Overview and Scrutiny Committee are not allocated in accordance with the political balance requirements be continued; and**
- 3) appointments by political group leaders to the places on each Committee as detailed at Appendix 2 be noted.**

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 This report sets out the proposed political balance of the authority's Committees and seeks the Council's agreement to these.
- 2.2 this report is required as there has been a change to the membership of political groups at the authority since the last meeting of Council.
- 2.3 Once the Council has agreed the political balance, the Leaders of each of the Political Groups on the Council can nominate to the places on each for their group.

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- 2.4 The attached list of Committee appointments relates to Committees that form part of the political balance only. Informal Committees and other committees where there is no requirement for the membership to reflect the political balance are not addressed in this report.

3. OPERATIONAL ISSUES

- 3.1 Once the Council has agreed the allocation of seats to the main Committees, the leaders of each political group will nominate members to fill them so that the business of the Council can continue to run smoothly. It is planned to have a list of the nominations available for noting at the Council meeting.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 There are no financial implications arising from this report. The level of Members' allowances, based on the current number of positions as set out in this report, has been agreed previously by the Council.

5. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 With the exception of the Executive Committee, the Council is required by law and / or its own constitution to allocate places on its main Committees in accordance with its political make-up and to approve the Committee terms of reference. The main requirements are that:
- the number of seats on each Committee allocated to each Political Group reflects the proportion it holds of the total number of seats on the Council;
 - the Group with the majority of seats on the Council should hold the majority of seats on each Committee.
- 5.2 The definition of a Political Group for these purposes is that it has a minimum of 2 members. The current composition of the Council is 16 Conservative group members, 12 Labour group members and 1 non-aligned member.
- 5.3 There is no proposal to change any of the appointments to position of Chairs or Vice chairs for any of the Committees and this is not therefore addressed in this report.

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6. OTHER - IMPLICATIONS

Relevant Strategic Purpose

- 6.1 The proposals detailed in this report support the strategic purpose 'An Effective and Sustainable Council'.
- 6.2 The Council is required to consider the political balance when changes are made to the composition of the membership of the authority and this report enables the Council to address this requirement.

Climate Change Implications

- 6.3 There are no climate change implications.

Equalities and Diversity Implications

- 6.4 There are no equalities and diversity implications.

7. RISK MANAGEMENT

- 7.1 There are no specific risks arising from this report.

8. APPENDICES and BACKGROUND PAPERS

Appendices

Appendix 1 – Political Balance
Appendix 2 - Committee Appointments

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9. **REPORT SIGN OFF**

Department	Name and Job Title	Date
Portfolio Holder	Councillor Matther Dormer	29.01.24
Lead Director / Head of Service	Claire Felton, Head of Legal, Democratic and Property Services	29.01.24
Financial Services	Pete Carpenter, Interim Section 151 Officer	29.01.24
Legal Services	Claire Felton, Head of Legal, Democratic and Property Services	29.01.24

Appendix 1 Political Balance Calculation January 2024 - political balance suspended

Committee	Cons 16 55.17% of total	Lab 12 41.38% of total	Indp 1 3.45% of total	Total
Overview and Scrutiny Committee	5 4.97 *Take 4	4 3.72 *Take 5	0 0.31 0	9 9 members on Committee 9
Licensing Committee	6 6.07	5 4.55 ** Take 4	0 0.38 **Take 1	11 11 members on Cttee
Planning Committee	5 4.97	4 3.72	0 0.31	9 9 members on Cttee
Audit, Gov'ce & Stands Committee	5 4.97	4 3.72	0 0.31	9 9 members on Cttee
Statutory Officers Disciplinary Action Panel	3 2.76	2 2.07	0 0.17	5 5 members on committee
Crime and Disorder Scrutiny Panel	3 2.76	2 2.07 ** Take 1	0 0.17 ** Take 1	5 5 Members on the Committee
Appointments Committee	3 2.76	2 2.07	0 0.17	5 5 RBC Members on Committee
Shareholders Committee	3 2.76	2 2.07	0 0.17	5 5 Members on Committee
Electoral Matters Committee	3 2.76	2 2.07	0 0.17	5 5 Members on Committee
Original Allocated Total	36	27	0	63
Entitlement	35	26	2	63
Mathematical calculation	34.76	26.07	2.17	
Final Total	35	26	2	63

*The political balance is suspended

**Seats offered by the Labour Group to Councillor Miles to achieve a balanced position

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Appendix 2 - Nominations and Appointments to Committees that Form Part of the Political Balance

Committee / Sub-Committee etc.	Size (Members)	Conservative	Labour	Non-Aligned
Audit, Governance and Standards Committee	9	5 Cllrs Akbar, Ashley, Holz, Lovell and Marshall	4 (Ch) Cllr Begum (V Ch) Cllr Woodall Cllrs Fry and Spilsbury	N/A
Licensing Committee (Note the sub-committees are now selected from the committee membership)	11	6 (Ch) Cllr K Ashley (V Ch) Cllr Pearman Cllrs Akbar, Holz, Lovell, Marshall	4 Cllrs Baker, Begum, Harvey and Stringfellow	1 Miles
Planning Committee (A pool of named substitutes would be welcomed for this Committee from both groups)	9	5 (Ch) Cllr Fleming (V Ch) Cllr Altaf Cllrs Holz, Lovell, Pearman <u>Named substitutes:</u> Cllrs Akbar, Ashley, Clayton, Marshall, Monaco, Warhurst	4 Cllrs Begum, Fry, Hartnett and Khan <u>Named Substitutes:</u> Cllrs Baker, Barker, Smith, Fardoe, Harvey, Khan, Spilsbury, Stringfellow and Woodall	N/A

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Overview and Scrutiny Committee	9	4 Cllrs Altaf, Ashley, Holz and Marshall	5 (Ch) Cllr Khan (VC) Cllr Harvey Cllrs Kane, Spilsbury and Stringfellow	N/A
Crime and Disorder Scrutiny Panel	5	3 Cllrs Altaf, Lovell and Pearman	1 *(Ch) Cllr Kane	1 Cllr Miles
Appointments Committee	5	3 Members (Ch) Cllr Dormer (V Ch) Cllr Monaco Cllr Warhurst	2 Members Cllrs Hartnett and Harvey	N/A
Shareholders Committee (Rubicon Leisure)	5	3 Members (Ch) Cllr Warhurst (V Ch) Cllr Marshall Cllr Altaf	2 Members Cllrs Baker and Khan	N/A
Electoral Matters Committee	5	3 Members (Ch) Cllr Dormer (V Ch) Cllr Fleming Cllr Court	2 Members Cllrs Barker Smith and Stringfellow	N/A
Statutory Officers Disciplinary Panel	5	3 Members (Ch) Cllr Dormer (V Ch) Cllr Warhurst Cllr Clayton	2 Members Cllrs Begum and Khan	N/A

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