



**REPORT of
CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

**to
ANNUAL COUNCIL
12 MAY 2016**

APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERSHIP OF COMMITTEES OF THE COUNCIL

**1. LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND HOUSING ACT 1989 - POLITICAL
BALANCE ON COMMITTEES**

- 1.1 Under Section 15 (1) (b) of the 1989 Act, the Council is required at its Annual Meeting to review the representation of different political groups on committees of the authority.
- 1.2 In carrying out such a review and in making appointments to committees following that review, the Council is under a duty only to make such appointments as give effect to the principles contained in Section 15(5) of the Act.
- 1.3 Notification has been made to me of two political groups constituted for the purposes of the political balance provisions namely:

Conservative	27 Members
Independent	2 Members
UK Independence Party (UKIP)	1 Member
Other	1 Member

- 1.5 The Conservative Group has an absolute majority of the Members of the Council so that it has a right to request an absolute majority on every committee.
- 1.7 The Council is asked to ratify the allocation of seats on Committees in the following manner:

	Conservative	Independent	UKIP	Other
Finance and Corporate Services Committee	8	-	1	-
Community Services Committee	8	1	-	1
Planning and Licensing Committee	9	1	-	-
Audit Committee	7	1	-	-
Overview and Scrutiny Committee	7	1	-	-
Investigating and Disciplinary Committee	4	-	1	-

	Conservative	Independent	UKIP	Other	Parish Councillors
Joint Standards Committee	4	-	1	-	Councillors B Ledger and S Nunn

- 1.8 In addition, the Council is required to appoint Members to serve on the Appointments Committee and the Appeals Sub-Committee. The Council and Committee Procedure Rule 17(8) provides for the constitution of these Committees to comprise a combination of ex-officio and appointed Members.
- 1.9 Members are advised that the Finance and Corporate Services Committee has recommended that the Council replace the Appeals Sub-Committee with new arrangements.

2. NOMINATIONS OF THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL AND OPPOSITION LEADER

- 2.1 The nominations of the Leader of the Council to the places allocated to the Conservative Group are:-

Finance and Corporate Services Committee	Councillors: J P F Archer I E Dobson Mrs H E Elliott A S Fluker B E Harker M R Pearlman Rev. A E J Shrimpton D M Sismey
Community Services Committee	Councillors: Miss A M Beale A T Cain I E Dobson M F L Durham Mrs B D Harker Miss M R Lewis R Pratt N R Pudney
Planning and Licensing Committee	Councillors: E L Bamford H M Bass R G Boyce MBE, CC Mrs P A Channer, CC P G L Elliott Miss M R Lewis A K M St Joseph S J Savage Mrs M E Thompson

Overview and Scrutiny Committee	Councillors: E L Bamford H M Bass Mrs P A Channer, CC R P F Dewick M W Helm N R Pudney S J Savage
Audit Committee	Councillors: M F L Durham Mrs H E Elliott A S Fluker B E Harker R Pratt A K M St Joseph Mrs M E Thompson
Joint Standards Committee	Councillors: R G Boyce MBE, CC M R Pearlman Rev. A E J Shrimpton Mrs M E Thompson
Investigating and Disciplinary Committee	Councillors R G Boyce MBE, CC M R Pearlman Rev. A E J Shrimpton Mrs M E Thompson
Appeals Sub-Committee	No nominations made due to recommendation from the Finance and Corporate Services Committee to the Council to replace the Appeals Sub-Committee with new arrangements.
Appointments Committee	Leader of the Council Chairman of the Council Councillors M F L Durham Mrs B D Harker

2.2 The nominations of the Opposition Leader to the places allocated to the Independent Groups are:

Community Services Committee	Councillor M S Heard
Planning and Licensing Committee	Councillor B S Beale MBE
Audit Committee	Councillor M S Heard
Overview and Scrutiny Committee	Councillor M S Heard
Appeals Sub-Committee	Leader of the Opposition
Appointments Committee	Leader of the Opposition

- 2.3 It is proposed that a place on the following Committees be allocated for Councillors Mrs B E Acevedo and Miss S White:

Community Services Committee	Councillor Miss S White
Finance and Corporate Services Committee	Councillor Mrs B F Acevedo
Joint Standards Committee	Councillor Mrs B F Acevedo
Investigating and Disciplinary Committee	Councillor Mrs B F Acevedo

3. RECOMMENDATIONS

- (i) that the Council notes the nominations of the Leader of the Council and the Opposition Leader to the places allocated to their respective Groups and the proposed allocations made for Councillors Mrs B E Acevedo and Miss S White;
- (ii) Accordingly, the Council is asked to agree the membership of the Committees of the Council as follows:

Finance and Corporate Services Committee	<p>Councillors: Mrs B E Acevedo J P F Archer I E Dobson Mrs H E Elliott A S Fluker B E Harker M R Pearlman Rev. A E J Shrimpton D M Sismey</p> <p><i>Plus ex-officio non-voting Members:</i> <i>Leader of the Council</i> <i>Deputy Leader of the Council</i> <i>Leader of the Opposition</i></p>
Community Services Committee	<p>Councillors: Miss A M Beale A T Cain I E Dobson M F L Durham Mrs B D Harker M S Heard Miss M R Lewis R Pratt N R Pudney Miss S White</p> <p><i>Plus ex-officio non-voting Members:</i> <i>Deputy Leader of the Council</i> <i>Leader of the Opposition</i></p>

Planning and Licensing Committee	<p>Councillors: E L Bamford H M Bass B S Beale, MBE R G Boyce MBE, CC Mrs P A Channer, CC P G L Elliott Miss M R Lewis A K M St Joseph S J Savage Mrs M Thompson</p> <p><i>Plus ex-officio non-voting Members: Deputy Leader of the Council</i></p>
Overview and Scrutiny Committee	<p>Councillors: E L Bamford H M Bass Mrs P A Channer, CC R P F Dewick M W Helm M S Heard N R Pudney S J Savage</p>
Audit Committee	<p>Councillors: M F L Durham Mrs H E Elliott A S Fluker B E Harker M S Heard R Pratt A K M St Joseph Mrs M E Thompson</p>
Joint Standards Committee	<p>Councillors: Mrs B E Acevedo R G Boyce MBE, CC M Pearlman Rev. A E J Shrimpton Mrs M E Thompson</p> <p>Parish Councillors: Councillor B Ledger Councillor S Nunn</p>
Investigating and Disciplinary Committee	<p>Councillors: Mrs B E Acevedo R G Boyce MBE, CC M Pearlman Rev. A E J Shrimpton Mrs M E Thompson</p>

<p>Appeals Sub-Committee</p> <p><i>The constitution of the Sub-Committee provides for meetings to comprise of five Members drawn from a 'pool' of seven named Members appointed by the Council.</i></p>	<p>Leader of the Opposition</p> <p>No further nominations made due to recommendations from the Finance and Corporate Services Committee to the Council to replace the Appeals Sub-Committee with new arrangements.</p>
<p>Appointments Committee</p> <p><i>Procedure Rule 16 (6) provides for the Chairman of the Council, the Leader of the Council and Leader of the Opposition, plus up to three other Members.</i></p>	<p>Leader of the Council Chairman of the Council Leader of the Opposition</p> <p>Councillors M F L Durham Mrs B D Harker</p>

In accordance with the Local Government (Committees and Political Groups) Regulations 1990 Part IV, Paragraph 16(a), the membership of the Area Committees is confirmed as follows:

<p>Central Area Planning Committee</p>	<p>Councillors: Miss A M Beale A T Cain I E Dobson Mrs B D Harker B E Harker M S Heard Miss M R Lewis C A R MacKenzie M R Pearlman S J Savage Rev. A E J Shrimpton</p> <p><i>Plus ex-officio non-voting Member: Chairman of Planning and Licensing Committee</i></p>
<p>North Western Area Planning Committee</p>	<p>Councillors J P F Archer E L Bamford H M Bass M F L Durham J V Keyes A K M St. Joseph D M Sismey Mrs M E Thompson Miss S White</p> <p><i>Plus ex-officio non-voting Member: Chairman of Planning and Licensing Committee</i></p>

**South Eastern Area Planning
Committee**

Councillors Mrs B E Acevedo
B S Beale MBE
R G Boyce MBE, CC
Mrs P A Channer, CC
R P F Dewick
Mrs H E Elliott
P G L Elliott
A S Fluker
M W Helm
R Pratt
N R Pudney

Plus ex-officio non-voting Member:
*Chairman of Planning and Licensing
Committee*