



Council

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MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

THE LORD MAYOR (Councillor John Campbell)
THE DEPUTY LORD MAYOR (Councillor Vickie Priestley)

1	<i>Arbourthorne Ward</i> Julie Dore John Robson Jack Scott	10	<i>Dore & Totley Ward</i> Keith Hill Joe Otten Colin Ross	19	<i>Mosborough Ward</i> David Barker Isobel Bowler Tony Downing
2	<i>Beauchief & Greenhill Ward</i> Simon Clement-Jones Roy Munn Clive Skelton	11	<i>East Ecclesfield Ward</i> Garry Weatherall Steve Wilson Joyce Wright	20	<i>Nether Edge Ward</i> Nikki Bond Anders Hanson Qurban Hussain
3	<i>Beighton Ward</i> Helen Mirfin-Boukouris Chris Rosling-Josephs Ian Saunders	12	<i>Ecclesall Ward</i> Penny Baker Roger Davison Diana Stimely	21	<i>Richmond Ward</i> John Campbell Martin Lawton Lynn Rooney
4	<i>Birley Ward</i> Denise Fox Bryan Lodge Karen McGowan	13	<i>Firth Park Ward</i> Shelia Constance Alan Law Chris Weldon	22	<i>Shiregreen & Brightside Ward</i> Peter Price Sioned-Mair Richards Peter Rippon
5	<i>Broomhill Ward</i> Jayne Dunn Shaffaq Mohammed Stuart Wattam	14	<i>Fulwood Ward</i> Sue Alston Andrew Sangar Janice Sidebottom	23	<i>Southey Ward</i> Leigh Bramall Tony Damms Gill Furniss
6	<i>Burngreave Ward</i> Jackie Drayton Ibrar Hussain Talib Hussain	15	<i>Gleadless Valley Ward</i> Steve Jones Cate McDonald Tim Rippon	24	<i>Stannington Ward</i> David Baker Katie Condliffe Vickie Priestley
7	<i>Central Ward</i> Jillian Creasy Mohammad Maroof Robert Murphy	16	<i>Graves Park Ward</i> Ian Auckland Bob McCann Denise Reaney	25	<i>Stockbridge & Upper Don Ward</i> Alison Brelsford Richard Crowther Philip Wood
8	<i>Crookes Ward</i> Sylvia Anginotti Rob Frost Geoff Smith	17	<i>Hillsborough Ward</i> Janet Bragg Bob Johnson George Lindars-Hammond	26	<i>Walkley Ward</i> Ben Curran Neale Gibson Nikki Sharpe
9	<i>Darnall Ward</i> Harry Harpham Mazher Iqbal Mary Lea	18	<i>Manor Castle Ward</i> Jenny Armstrong Terry Fox Pat Midgley	27	<i>West Ecclesfield Ward</i> Trevor Bagshaw Adam Hurst Alf Meade
				28	<i>Woodhouse Ward</i> Mick Rooney Jackie Satur Ray Satur

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Chief Executive

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PUBLIC ACCESS TO THE MEETING

The Council is composed of 84 Councillors with one-third elected three years in four. Councillors are democratically accountable to the residents of their Ward. The overriding duty of Councillors is to the whole community, but they have a special duty to their constituents, including those who did not vote for them

All Councillors meet together as the Council. Meetings of the Council are normally open to the public. Here Councillors decide the Council's overall policies and set the budget each year. The Council appoints the Leader and at its Annual Meeting will appoint Councillors to serve on its Committees. It also appoints representatives to serve on joint bodies and external organisations.

Members of the public have the right to ask questions or submit petitions to Cabinet meetings. Please see the website www.sheffield.gov.uk or contact Democratic Services for further information.

A copy of the agenda and reports is available on the Council's website at www.sheffield.gov.uk/your-city-council/council-meetings/cabinet. You can also see the reports to be discussed at the meeting if you call at the First Point Reception, Town Hall, Pinstone Street entrance. The Reception is open between 9.00 am and 5.00 pm, Monday to Thursday and between 9.00 am and 4.45 pm. on Friday, or you can ring on telephone no. 2734552. You may not be allowed to see some reports because they contain confidential information. These items are usually marked * on the agenda.

Council meetings are normally open to the public but sometimes the Council may have to discuss an item in private. If this happens, you will be asked to leave. Any private items are normally left until last. If you would like to attend the meeting please report to the First Point Reception desk where you will be directed to the meeting room.

FACILITIES

There are public toilets available, with wheelchair access, on the ground floor of the Town Hall. Induction loop facilities are available in meeting rooms.

Access for people with mobility difficulties can be obtained through the ramp on the side to the main Town Hall entrance.

**COUNCIL AGENDA
16 MAY 2012**

Order of Business

- 1. TO ELECT A LORD MAYOR FOR THE ENSUING YEAR**
- 2. TO MOVE A VOTE OF THANKS TO THE RETIRING LORD MAYOR AND CONSORT**
- 3. TO APPOINT A DEPUTY LORD MAYOR FOR THE ENSUING YEAR**

(NB The meeting will adjourn following the appointment of the Deputy Lord Mayor and reconvene at 2.00 pm)

- 4. MAYORAL REFERENDUM - 3 MAY 2012**

To note that the Mayoral Referendum held on 3 May 2012, resulted in a majority of voters choosing to retain the Council's Leader and Cabinet form of governance arrangements.

- 5. TO ELECT A LEADER OF THE COUNCIL TO HOLD OFFICE UNTIL THE FIRST ANNUAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL AFTER THE END OF THE LEADER'S CURRENT TERM OF OFFICE AS A COUNCILLOR**
- 6. TO RECEIVE NOTIFICATION OF CABINET AND CABINET ADVISER APPOINTMENTS, THE LEADER'S SCHEME OF DELEGATION FOR THE DISCHARGE OF EXECUTIVE FUNCTIONS, AND SHADOW CABINET APPOINTMENTS**

Background report of the Deputy Chief Executive outlining the constitutional requirements regarding the discharge of Executive functions.

- 7. PROPORTIONAL ALLOCATION OF SEATS ON COUNCIL COMMITTEES**

Report of the Deputy Chief Executive

- 8. APPOINTMENTS TO OTHER COUNCIL PANELS, GROUPS ETC. AND TO EXTERNAL BODIES**

To agree appointments in accordance with details to be circulated at the meeting.

- 9. ARRANGEMENTS FOR COUNCIL MEETINGS**

To agree a programme of meetings of the Council in 2012/13 and, in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 10.2(a), the formula for the order in which Notices of Motion will be listed on the Council Summons.



Chief Executive

Dated this 10 day of May 2012

The next ordinary meeting of the Council will be held on 13 June 2012 at the Town Hall

ADVICE TO MEMBERS ON DECLARING INTERESTS AT MEETINGS

You will have a **personal interest** in a matter if it relates to an interest that you have already registered on the Register of Interests; relates to an interest that should be registered but you have not yet done so; or affects your well-being or financial position or that of members of your family or your close associates, to a greater extent than it would affect the majority of people in the ward affected by the decision.

The definition of family is very wide and includes a partner, step-relations, and in-laws. A "close associate" is someone whom a reasonable member of the public might think you would be prepared to favour or disadvantage.

If you have a personal interest you must: declare the existence and nature of the interest at the beginning of the meeting, before it is discussed or as soon as it becomes apparent to you; but you can remain in the meeting, speak and vote on the matter unless the personal interest is also prejudicial.

However, in certain circumstances you may have an **exemption** which means that you might not have to declare your interest.

- You will have an exemption where your interest arises solely from your membership of or position of control/management in a body to which you have been appointed or nominated by the authority; and/or a body exercising functions of a public nature (e.g. another local authority).

In these exceptional cases, provided that you do not have a **prejudicial interest** you only need to declare your interest if you intend to speak on the matter.

- You will have an exemption if your personal interest is simply having received a gift or hospitality over £25 which you registered more than 3 years ago.

When will a personal interest also be prejudicial?

Your personal interest will also be prejudicial if a member of the public who knows the relevant facts would reasonably think the personal interest is so significant that it is likely to prejudice your judgement of the public interest; and

- i. either the matter affects your financial position or the financial position of any person or body through whom you have a personal interest. For example, an application for grant funding to a body on your register of interests or a contract between the authority and that body; or
- ii. the matter relates to the determining of any approval, consent, licence, permission or registration that affects you or any relevant person or body with which you have a personal interest. For example, considering a planning or licensing application made by you or a body on your register of interests.

Exemptions: You will not have a prejudicial interest if the matter relates to:

- i. the Council's housing functions – if you hold a lease or tenancy with the Council, provided that the matter under consideration is not your own lease or tenancy;
- ii. school meals, transport or travel expenses – if you are the parent or guardian of a child of school age, provided that the matter under consideration is not the school the child attends;
- iii. statutory sick pay;
- iv. Members' allowances;
- v. ceremonial honours for Members; or
- vi. setting the Council Tax.

If you have a prejudicial interest, you must:

- (a) Declare the existence and nature of the interest (in relation to the relevant agenda item) as soon as it becomes apparent to you.
- (b) Leave the room unless members of the public are allowed to make representations, give evidence or answer questions about the matter. If that is the case, you can also attend to make representations, give evidence or answer questions about the matter.
- (c) Once you have finished making representations, answering questions etc., you must leave the room. You cannot stay in the room whilst the matter is being discussed neither can you remain in the public gallery to observe the vote on the matter. In addition, you must not seek to improperly influence a decision about the matter.

FURTHER INFORMATION

If at all possible, you should try to identify any potential interest you may have before the meeting so that you and the person you ask for advice can fully consider all the circumstances before reaching a conclusion on what action you should take.

Advice can be obtained from Lynne Bird, Director of Legal Services on 0114 2734018 or email lynne.bird@sheffield.gov.uk



SHEFFIELD CITY COUNCIL Report to Council

Report of: Deputy Chief Executive

Date: 16th May 2012

Subject: Notification of Cabinet, Shadow Cabinet and Cabinet Adviser Appointments, and the Leader's Scheme of Delegations for the Discharge of Executive Functions

Author of Report: Paul Robinson – Head of Democratic Services (Council and Members)

Summary:

This report outlines the constitutional requirements for the appointment of a Leader of the Council and notification of arrangements for the discharge of Executive functions.

Recommendations:

That the Council:-

- (1) Receives and notes the Leader's notification of:-
 - (i) appointment of a Deputy Leader and Cabinet Members including their portfolio areas of responsibility;
 - (ii) appointment of advisors to the Cabinet;
 - (iii) appointment of Cabinet Members to serve on the Cabinet Highways Committee including substitutes;
 - (iv) the scheme of delegation for the discharge of Executive functions(all to be circulated in a schedule presented at the meeting).
- (2) Notes the main opposition group's notification of the Leader of the Opposition and approves the appointment of Shadow Cabinet Members and Assistants (to be circulated in a schedule presented at the meeting).

Background Papers: Constitution of Sheffield City Council

Category of Report: OPEN

Statutory and Council Policy Checklist

Financial implications
YES – Cleared by Trish Phillipson
Legal implications
YES – Cleared by Lynne Bird
Equality of Opportunity implications
NO
Tackling Health Inequalities implications
NO
Human Rights implications
NO
Environmental and Sustainability implications
NO
Economic impact
NO
Community Safety implications
NO
Human Resources implications
NO
Property implications
NO
Area(s) affected
None
Relevant Scrutiny Committee if decision called in
N/A
Is the item a matter which is reserved for approval by the City Council?
Yes
Press release
NO

Notification of Cabinet, Shadow Cabinet and Cabinet Advisor Appointments, and the Leader's Scheme of Delegations for the Discharge of Executive Functions

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 This report outlines the constitutional requirements for the appointment of a Leader of the Council and notification of arrangements for the discharge of Executive functions.

2. THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE EXECUTIVE

- 2.1 Under the Constitution the Council is required to appoint a Leader to hold office until the first annual meeting after the Leader's normal day of retirement as a Councillor. The Executive (Cabinet) shall consist of up to 10 members, including the Leader. The Constitution provides for the Leader to present to the Council annual meeting the names of Members he or she has appointed to be members of the Executive, including the Deputy Leader, and in addition a scheme of delegation for the discharge of Executive functions. The functions of the Executive, including portfolio holder areas of responsibility, are set out in the current Leader's Scheme of Delegation, but are subject to change at the discretion of the Leader.

- 2.2 The Leader may also establish sub-groups consisting of Executive members which can also take decisions. There is currently one established sub-group, the Cabinet Highways Committee comprising 4 of the Cabinet members, with the remaining Cabinet Members acting as substitutes and having the following terms of reference:

“The exercise of executive functions in relation to the application of the Highways Act 1980 and the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, including in particular the approval of Traffic Regulation Orders, designated traffic management matters, controlled parking zones and other orders in respect of parking and major transport scheme designs.”

The Leader may establish further sub-groups and delegate functions to them, reporting this to Council at the earliest opportunity.

- 2.3 The Leader has previously agreed to delegate some Executive functions to Area Committees (Community Assemblies) to be exercised within their Ward areas. These functions are described in Schedule 5 of the Leader's Scheme of Delegation.
- 2.4 The Council does not propose to amend the current and published arrangements in respect of Executive functions adopted by the Council on 7th April 2010, with regard to the Strong Leader and Cabinet governance arrangements. Furthermore, the mayoral Referendum held on 3rd May,

2012, resulted in a majority of voters choosing to retain the current arrangements in preference to moving to an Elected Mayor and Cabinet form of governance arrangements.

- 2.5 Details of the Leader's notification of appointments of a Deputy Leader; the Cabinet Members (including their portfolio areas of responsibility); advisors to the Cabinet; Cabinet Members to serve on the Cabinet Highways Committee (including substitutes); and the scheme of delegation for the discharge of Executive functions, will be circulated in a schedule presented at the meeting.
- 2.6 Details of the main opposition group's notification of the Leader of the Opposition and the appointment of Shadow Cabinet Members and Assistants, will also be circulated in a schedule presented at the meeting.

3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 There are no direct financial implications arising from this report. However, the posts of Cabinet Member, Cabinet Advisor, Shadow Cabinet Member and Shadow Cabinet Assistant attract Special Responsibility Allowances (SRAs) under the Council's Members' Allowances Scheme. Therefore, there may be financial savings associated with the appointments made by the Leader of the Council and the Leader of the main opposition group, should they choose to make fewer appointments to those posts in 2012/13 than in 2011/12. An undertaking has been given at the meeting of the Corporate Members' Governance Group on 20th January, 2012, which was reported to the Budget Council meeting on 9th March, 2012, that SRA appointments in 2012/13 should cost no more than those made in 2011/12.

4. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 The legal implications are set out in the body of this report.

5. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 5.1 That the Council receives and notes the Leader's notification of:-
 - 5.1.1 appointment of a Deputy Leader and Cabinet Members including their portfolio areas of responsibility;
 - 5.1.2 appointment of advisors to the Cabinet;
 - 5.1.3 appointment of Cabinet Members to serve on the Cabinet Highways Committee including substitutes;
 - 5.1.4 the scheme of delegation for the discharge of Executive functions (all the above to be circulated in a schedule presented at the meeting).

- 5.2 That the Council notes the main opposition group's notification of the Leader of the Opposition and approves the appointment of Shadow Cabinet Members and Assistants (to be circulated in a schedule presented at the meeting).

Lee Adams
Deputy Chief Executive

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SHEFFIELD CITY COUNCIL Report to Council

Report of: Deputy Chief Executive

Date: 16th May 2012

Subject: Proportional Allocation of Seats on Council Committees

Author of Report: Paul Robinson – Head of Democratic Services (Council and Members)

Summary:

This report outlines the requirements set out in the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 to allocate seats on Council Committees to political groups on a politically proportionate basis and asks Council to agree their terms of reference and appoint named Members to them to reflect the wishes of each of the political groups. Alternative arrangements in not applying strict political proportionality can be put in place provided Council gives unanimous support without any Member dissenting from that approach.

Recommendations:

That the Council:-

- (1) Notes the political proportionality framework and the illustrative example of how this might be applied as set out in the report.
- (2) Considers how it wishes to allocate seats on Committees in light of this illustrative approach.
- (3) Determines whether to continue to disapply proportionality to the Senior Officer Employment Sub-Committees and the Appeals and Collective Disputes Sub-Committees for the reasons set out in paragraph 3.2.4 of the report.
- (4) Agrees:
 - (i) the sizes of individual Committees to be subject to proportional balance and the initial allocation of seats to political groups on individual Committees before final adjustment.

- (ii) the final adjustments of seats to ensure that each group has the required number of seats overall in comparison to the total number of seats available on all Committees to reflect their composition on the Council as a whole.
 - (iii) the appointment of Members to Committees to reflect the wishes of the political groups in accordance with the schedule to be circulated at the meeting and including substitutes where appropriate.
- (5) Agrees that the existing terms of reference of all Committees be as set out in the Constitution.
- (6) Notes that a report will be submitted to the meeting of the Council on 13th June in relation to the standards arrangements to be adopted by the Authority from 1st July, and consequential changes required to be made to the Constitution of the Council and to political proportionality.

Background Papers: Constitution of Sheffield City Council

Category of Report: OPEN

Statutory and Council Policy Checklist

Financial implications
NO
Legal implications
YES – Cleared by Lynne Bird
Equality of Opportunity implications
NO
Tackling Health Inequalities implications
NO
Human Rights implications
NO
Environmental and Sustainability implications
NO
Economic impact
NO
Community Safety implications
NO
Human Resources implications
NO
Property implications
NO
Area(s) affected
None
Relevant Scrutiny Committee if decision called in
N/A
Is the item a matter which is reserved for approval by the City Council?
Yes
Press release
NO

Proportional Allocation of Seats on Council Committees

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 This report outlines the requirements set out in the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 to allocate seats on Council Committees to political groups on a politically proportionate basis. It asks Council to agree that the existing terms of reference of all Committees/Sub-Committees and other bodies as specified in the Council's Constitution remain unchanged except with regard to the Standards Committee, where new arrangements will be required from 1st July, 2012 in the light of changes to the standards regime brought about by the Localism Act 2011. Alternative arrangements in not applying strict political proportionality can be put in place provided Council gives unanimous support without any Member dissenting from that approach.

2. POLITICAL BALANCE

- 2.1 The political balance requirements of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 and the Local Government (Committees and Political Groups) Regulations 1990 apply with some limited exceptions to any committees and sub-committees established under the Constitution. They also apply to the Scrutiny Committees, which are treated as committees for the purposes of the Local Government Act 2000. The allocation of seats on committees must be in the same proportion as the number of members of the group bears to the membership of the Authority as a whole. The political balance rules do not apply to the Executive (Cabinet) or the Shadow Cabinet, nor the Licensing Committee, nor, until 1st July, 2012, the Standards Committee or its Sub-Committees. In addition, Community Assemblies are established as formal Area Committees under the Local Government Act 2000 and these are similarly exempted.
- 2.2 The Council has a duty when allocating or reviewing the allocation of seats on committees to give effect so far as is reasonably practicable to the following four principles:-
- (i) all the seats are not allocated to the same political group;
 - (ii) the majority of the seats go to the political group in the majority on the full Council;
 - (iii) subject to the above two principles, the total number of seats on the ordinary committees of the Authority are allocated to each political group in the same proportion as the group's representation on the full Council; and
 - (iv) subject to the above three principles, the number of seats on each committee are allocated to each political group in the same proportion as the group's representation on the Council.

2.3 Following the Municipal Elections held on 3rd May, 2012, the Council has 3 political groups. The Labour Group has 59 seats, the Liberal Democrat Group has 23 seats and the Green Group has 2 seats. The total number of seats on the Council is 84.

2.4 This means that the percentage allocation is as follows:-

Labour:	$59 \div 84 \times 100 = 70.24\%$
Liberal Democrat:	$23 \div 84 \times 100 = 27.38\%$
Greens:	$2 \div 84 \times 100 = 2.38\%$

The number of main committee seats are allocated in the same proportion as the group's representation on the Council. For example, on a Committee with 13 seats available for allocation this would be calculated as follows:-

Divide the number of seats available on the Committee between the Groups in the same proportion as the number of seats a Group has on the Council:-

Labour	$59 \div 84 \times 13 = 9.13$
Liberal Democrat	$23 \div 84 \times 13 = 3.56$
Greens	$2 \div 84 \times 13 = 0.31$

This shows that 12 whole seats are allocated, 9 to the Labour Group and 3 to the Liberal Democrat Group. One seat remains for allocation and is awarded on the highest part percentage claim, i.e. to the Liberal Democrat Group (0.56), giving an overall allocation of 9 and 4 seats to the 2 largest groups, being the total of 13 available for allocation.

This approach is replicated for each individual Committee and Appendix 1 shows an illustrative example of the overall allocation across all politically proportionate Committees if Committee sizes were to remain as at present.

This illustration also shows that the total number of seats across all politically proportionate Committees is 138. The sizes of any of the Committees is however at the discretion of the Council to vary should it so choose. The basis of the mathematical calculation on differing sized Committees is shown at Appendix 2.

2.5 In applying each group's percentage allocation to the total number of seats on Committees (138), the closest practical distribution to political groups (after rounding) is 97 : 38 : 3 (Labour: Liberal Democrat : Green).

2.6 There is no requirement for the Cabinet or any Cabinet Committee, Shadow Cabinet, Community Assemblies or, until 1st July, 2012, the Standards Committee, to be politically balanced. Neither do the political balance rules apply to the Licensing Committee, but the Council chooses to apply the rules to this Committee. Taking into account the allocation detailed in the table in Appendix 1, a small number of adjustments (4 seats) are required to ensure political balance on the overall number of seats across all Committees available to each political group. This illustrates that the Liberal

Democrat Group has an over allocation of 4 seats and the Labour Group and the Green Group are under represented by one seat and 3 seats, respectively, and final adjustment is required. The practical arrangements for making the required adjustments are outlined at the end of Appendix 1. A schedule of nominations from each of the political groups to occupy the requisite number of allocated seats, will be tabled at the meeting.

3. THE ESTABLISHMENT OF COMMITTEES/SUB-COMMITTEES UNDER THE CONSTITUTION

3.1 Scrutiny Committees

3.1.1 The Constitution provides for the appointment of Scrutiny Committees and they are subject to the rules on political proportionality. There were 4 Scrutiny Committees plus the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee in 2011/12. The Scrutiny Committee for Children and Young People also includes 3 voting co-opted parent governors and 2 voting co-opted members nominated by each of the local Church of England and Roman Catholic Diocesan Boards.

3.1.2 The terms of reference and remits of the Scrutiny Committees are set out in Part 3 of the Council's Constitution. It is proposed that existing arrangements be continued.

3.2 Regulatory Committees

3.2.1 The Constitution allows for Council side functions to be delegated to Committees, with terms of reference set out in Part 3 of the Constitution, which deliver regulatory responsibilities:

Planning and Highways City Centre, South and East Committee	(10)
Planning and Highways West and North Committee	(10)
Licensing Committee	(15)
Audit Committee	(6)
<i>(6 Non-Executive Members of the Council, plus 2 non-voting co-opted members each serving a 4-year term of office)</i>	
Admissions Committee	(7)
Senior Officer Employment Committee	(15)
Appeals and Collective Disputes Committee	(15)

3.2.2 The Licensing Committee, set up under the Licensing Act 2003, can have a minimum of 10 and no more than 15 members under the legislation. Whilst technically this Committee is not required to be politically balanced, past practice has ensured that it is. It is proposed that this approach is continued, having a membership of 15.

3.2.3 The appointment of Licensing Sub-Committees to review cases under Section 10 of the Licensing Act 2003, is now a statutory function reserved by the Act to the statutory Licensing Committee. Accordingly, it is a matter for

the Licensing Committee to appoint these Sub-Committees and the custom and practice has been for any 3 Members of the Committee to be called to hear individual cases. It is proposed that existing arrangements be continued.

- 3.2.4 The Senior Officer Employment Committee and the Appeals and Collective Disputes Committee, with terms of reference set out in Part 3 of the Constitution, are established as politically proportionate committees of 15 Members. However, built into the terms of reference of both Committees is the facility to establish Sub-Committees to undertake their functions. The custom has been to disapply proportionality to these Sub-Committees and for any 3 Members of the parent Committee to be called to hear individual matters. It is proposed that this approach be continued.

3.3 Standards Committee

- 3.3.1 In line with the Local Government Act 2000, the Council has established a Standards Committee comprising 5 elected Members (one of which should be the Cabinet Member whose remit includes ethical standards in the Council), 4 Independent Lay Members and 3 Parish Councillor representatives, to recommend the adoption of a code of conduct for Members and to provide advice and training in relation to ethical standards and in addition to consider any allegation of misconduct. The political balance rules do not apply to the Standards Committee. The terms of reference for the Committee are contained in Part 3 of the Council's Constitution. It is proposed that these arrangements be continued until 1st July, 2012, for the reasons outlined in the next paragraph of this report.
- 3.3.2 New arrangements will be required from 1st July, 2012 in the light of changes to the standards regime brought about by the Localism Act 2011. A separate report on the standards arrangements to be adopted by the Authority from 1st July, and consequential changes required to be made to the Constitution of the Council, will be submitted to the meeting of the Council to be held on 13th June. It is expected that the Council would wish to continue with a Standards Committee, to be established as a normal committee of the Council. However, at this stage, the proposed composition of the Committee and whether to disapply political proportionality to the Committee has yet to be discussed with the political groups on the Council. In the event that political proportionality is applied to the Committee, this will alter the position regarding the total number of seats across all the Council's politically proportionate committees and may require further adjustments to be made to ensure political balance on the overall number of seats across all committees available to each political group. This issue will be dealt with as part of the report to the Council meeting on 13th June.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no direct financial implications arising from this report. It is proposed that all the current Committees are re-established by the Council, and this would not, therefore, impact on the number and cost of Special Responsibility Allowances paid to Chairs of certain Committees.

5. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

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

6. RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Council:-

- (1) Notes the political proportionality framework and the illustrative example of how this might be applied as set out in the report.
- (2) Considers how it wishes to allocate seats on Committees in light of this illustrative approach.
- (3) Determines whether to continue to disapply proportionality to the Senior Officer Employment Sub-Committees and the Appeals and Collective Disputes Sub-Committees for the reasons set out in paragraph 3.2.4 of the report.
- (4) Agrees:
 - (i) the sizes of individual Committees to be subject to proportional balance and the initial allocation of seats to political groups on individual Committees before final adjustment.
 - (ii) the final adjustments of seats to ensure that each group has the required number of seats overall in comparison to the total number of seats available on all Committees to reflect their composition on the Council as a whole.
 - (iii) the appointment of Members to Committees to reflect the wishes of the political groups in accordance with the schedule to be circulated at the meeting and including substitutes where appropriate.
- (5) Agrees that the existing terms of reference of all Committees be as set out in the Constitution.
- (6) Notes that a report will be submitted to the meeting of the Council on 13th June in relation to the standards arrangements to be adopted by the Authority from 1st July, and consequential changes required to be made to the Constitution of the Council and to political proportionality.

Lee Adams, Deputy Chief Executive

**MEMBERSHIP OF NON POLITICALLY PROPORTIONATE
COUNCIL BODIES 2012/13
(Schedule of named Councillor appointees to be tabled at the meeting)**

Executive (Cabinet) (8 in 2011/12)

Portfolios are at the Leader's discretion and could be subject to change.

The Leader

Executive Members and their Portfolios:

- Finance
- Business, Jobs and Growth
- Children, Young People and Families
- Homes and Regeneration
- Health, Care and Independent Living
- Environment and Transport
- Communities

Cabinet Highways Committee (4 in 2011/12)

Comprises 4 Members of the Executive and remaining Executive Members to act as substitutes.

Shadow Cabinet (8 in 2011/12)

Portfolios are at the Opposition Leader's discretion and could be subject to change.

- Leader
- Deputy Leader/Children and Young People's Services
- Finance
- Health, Care and Independent Living
- Homes and Regeneration
- Environment and Transport
- Business, Jobs and Growth
- Communities

Community Assemblies (12)

Ward Member appointments based per each Community Assembly geographical boundary.

Standards Committee (12 in 2011/12) (Arrangements to continue to 1st July, 2012)

Comprises 5 Elected Members; 4 Independent Lay members; and 3 Parish Council representatives.

Licensing Sub-Committees

Pool of 3 Members drawn from the Licensing Committee which is proportionally balanced.

Senior Officer Employment Sub-Committees

Pool of 3 Members drawn from the Senior Officer Employment Committee which is proportionally balanced.

Appeals and Collective Disputes Sub-Committees

Pools of 3 Members drawn from the Appeals and Collective Disputes Committee which is proportionally balanced.

**MEMBERSHIP OF POLITICALLY PROPORTIONATE COUNCIL BODIES
2012/13**

Scrutiny Committees

Children, Young People & Family Support Scrutiny Cttee (13)	
Economic & Environmental Well-being Scrutiny Cttee (13)	
Healthier Communities & Adult Social Care Scrutiny Cttee (13)	Pool of Scrutiny Committee Substitutes
Safer & Stronger Communities Scrutiny Cttee (13)	
Overview & Scrutiny Management Committee (8)	
<i>(Chairs and Deputy Chairs of the 4 Scrutiny Committees)</i>	

Regulatory Committees

Planning and Highways - City Centre, South and East (10)	Pool of Planning Committee Substitutes (10 from each of Labour and Lib Dems)
Planning and Highways - West and North (10)	

Licensing (15)	Pool of Admissions Committee Substitutes (Drawn from any member of the Council)
Audit (6)	
Admissions Committee (7)	

Senior Officer Employment Committee (15)
Appeals and Collective Disputes Committee (15)

Proportional Seat Allocations to Political Groups

Committee	Labour	Lib Dem	Green	Total
CYP&FS Scrutiny Committee	9	4	0	13
E&EW Scrutiny Committee	9	4	0	13
HC&ASC Scrutiny Committee	9	4	0	13
S&SC Scrutiny Committee	9	4	0	13
Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee	4	4	0	8
Planning and Highways - City Centre, South & East	7	3	0	10
Planning and Highways - West & North	7	3	0	10
Licensing	11	4	0	15
Audit	4	2	0	6
Admissions	5	2	0	7
Senior Officer Employment	11	4	0	15
Appeals and Collective Disputes	11	4	0	15
Total Initial Allocation	96	42	0	138
Overall Political Balance Requirement	97	38	3	138
Adjustments Required	+1	-4	+3	

Adjustments Required Under this Illustrative Approach

1. The Liberal Democrat Group is required to make 4 adjustments, of which one seat is to be allocated to the Labour Group and the other 3 seats are to be allocated to the Green Group.
2. The 4 adjustments could be from any 4 Committees, other than the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee, as its membership comprises the Chairs and Deputies of the Scrutiny Committees.
3. Practically, it is necessary for 2 of the 4 required adjustments to come from either the Scrutiny Committees or the Planning or Licensing Committees and allocated to the 2 Green Group Councillors to ensure that they either play a role in holding the Executive to account through the overview and scrutiny process, or participate in a regulatory function, and thereby be represented on committees that meet on a regular basis. This is also consistent with Council Procedure Rule 25.4 which specifies that every Member of the Council, except those appointed to the Cabinet, shall be appointed a member of at least one Scrutiny Committee or one Regulatory Committee.
4. Of the remaining 2 seats selected under 2 and 3 above, one of these should firstly be allocated to the Labour Group and the remaining seat is to be allocated to the Green Group.

CALCULATION OF PROPORTIONAL SEAT ALLOCATION OF COMMITTEES

% Share of Council	70.24%	27.38%	2.38%
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Number on Committee	Labour	Liberal Democrat	Green
3	2.11	0.82	0.07
4	2.81	1.09	0.10
5	3.51	1.37	0.12
6	4.22	1.64	0.14
7	4.92	1.91	0.17
8	5.62	2.19	0.19
9	6.32	2.47	0.21
10	7.02	2.74	0.24
11	7.73	3.01	0.26
12	8.43	3.28	0.29
13	9.13	3.56	0.31
14	9.84	3.83	0.33
15	10.54	4.10	0.36
16	11.24	4.38	0.38
17	11.94	4.66	0.40
18	12.64	4.93	0.43
19	13.35	5.20	0.45
20	14.04	5.48	0.48
21	14.75	5.75	0.50
22	15.46	6.02	0.52
23	16.15	6.30	0.55
24	16.86	6.57	0.57
25	17.56	6.84	0.60

	<u>Seats</u>	<u>%</u>
Labour	59	70.24
Liberal Democrat	23	27.38
Greens	<u>2</u>	<u>2.38</u>
	84	100%

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