



BROMSGROVE DISTRICT COUNCIL

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

WEDNESDAY 6TH MAY 2009, AT 6.00 P.M.

THE COUNCIL HOUSE, BURCOT LANE, BROMSGROVE

SUPPLEMENTARY DOCUMENTATION

The attached papers were specified as "to follow" on the Agenda previously distributed relating to the above mentioned meeting.

9. Appointment of Committees 2009/10 (to follow) (Pages 1 - 6)

To consider the report of the Head of Legal, Equalities and Democratic Services

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30th April 2009

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Chief Executive

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APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES 2009/10

Responsible Portfolio Holder	Councillor Roger Smith
Responsible Head of Service	Claire Felton, Monitoring Officer
Non-Key Decision	

1. SUMMARY

- 1.1 To approve the appointment and composition of Committees of the Council for the 2009/10 Municipal Year.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 That for the ensuing Municipal Year, the Committees set out in the table in Appendix 1 of the report be appointed and that the representation of the different political groups on the Council on those Committees be as set out in that table until the next Annual Meeting of the Council, or until the next review of political representation under Section 15 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989, whichever is the earlier.
- 2.2 That Members be appointed to the Committees in accordance with nominations to be made by Group Leaders or Co-ordinators.

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 The Council is bound by law and/or its own Constitution to appoint various Boards and Committees and to agree the allocation of seats which are subject to the rules of political proportionality.
- 3.2 The proposed proportional allocation of seats to Boards and Committees for 2009/10 is set out in Appendix 1. This has taken into account the notice previously received from the four former Independent Members and two former Members of the Wythall Residents' Association that they wish to be treated as a political group known as The Independents & Wythall Residents Coalition for the purposes of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989.
- 3.3 The proposed allocation of seats has been done on a strict mathematical basis (i.e. total number of seats on the committee divided by the size of the group). The first figure in each column is the actual number of seats allocated to each group. The figures in brackets are the calculated allocations.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

4.1 There are no direct financial implications arising from this report.

5. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

5.1 Sections 15 -17 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 places a duty on Councils to allocate the seats on each of its committees in proportion to the size of the political groups on the Council.

6. COUNCIL OBJECTIVES

6.1 Effective governance is aligned to the Council's Improvement objective.

7. RISK MANAGEMENT

7.1 There are no significant risks associated with this item.

8. CUSTOMER IMPLICATIONS

8.1 None.

9. EQUALITIES AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS

9.1 None.

10. VALUE FOR MONEY IMPLICATIONS

10.1 None.

11. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

Procurement Issues None
Personnel Implications None
Governance/Performance Management None
Community Safety including Section 17 of Crime and Disorder Act 1998 None
Policy None
Environmental None

12. OTHERS CONSULTED ON THE REPORT

Portfolio Holder	Yes
Chief Executive	Yes
Executive Director - Partnerships and Projects	No
Executive Director - Services	No
Assistant Chief Executive	No
Head of Service	Yes
Head of Financial Services	No
Head of Legal & Democratic Services	Yes
Head of Organisational Development & HR	No
Corporate Procurement Team	No

13. WARDS AFFECTED

All Wards

14. APPENDICES

Appendix 1 Allocation of Committee Places

15. BACKGROUND PAPERS

None

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APPENDIX 1

PROPOSED ALLOCATION OF COMMITTEE PLACES 2009/10

Committee	Con (66.67%)	Lab (15.38%)	Ind & WR Coalition (15.38%)	Other* (2.56%)	Total	Comments
Overview Board	5 (4.66)	1 (1.07)	1 (1.07)	0 (0.18)	7	
Scrutiny Board	5 (4.66)	1 (1.07)	1 (1.07)	0 (0.18)	7	
Joint Overview and Scrutiny Board	10 (9.33)	2 (2.15)	2 (2.15)	0 (0.36)	14	To comprise all Members of the Overview and Scrutiny Boards. In the event of duplication of membership on the Boards, further nominations will be sought to achieve the correct political balance
Audit Board	5 (4.66)	1 (1.07)	1 (1.07)	0 (0.18)	7	
Performance Management Board	5 (4.66)	1 (1.07)	1 (1.07)	0 (0.18)	7	
Licensing Committee	9 (8.66)	2 (1.99)	2 (1.99)	0 (0.33)	13	
Planning Committee	9 (8.66)	2 (1.99)	2 (1.99)	0 (0.28)	13	
Standards Committee**	2				3	1 member to be nominated by the Leader of the Opposition
Appeals Panel ***	6 (5.33)	1 (1.23)	1 (1.23)	0 (0.20)	8	
Appointments Committee	3 (3.33)	1 (0.76)	1 (0.76)	0 (0.12)	5	
Electoral Matters Committee	6 (6.66)	2 (1.53)	2 (1.53)	0 (0.25)	10	
Local Development Framework Working Party	9 (8.66)	2 (1.99)	2 (1.99)	0 (0.28)	13	
Totals	74	16	16	0	107	

Notes:

* As Councillor W. A. Newnes is not being treated as a member of the Conservative Group, he cannot, as a single Member, describe himself as a group and is therefore not entitled to be allocated any seats.

** Standards Committee – There is no requirement for proportionality on the Standards Committee. Membership also includes three Independent Members and Parish Council representation.

*** Only three Members of the Appeals Panel will sit on any one occasion.

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