

BROMSGROVE DISTRICT COUNCIL

COUNCIL

19th June 2012

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES 2012/13

Relevant Portfolio Holder	Councillor R Hollingworth
Portfolio Holder Consulted	Yes
Relevant Head of Service	Claire Felton, Head of Legal, Equalities & Democratic Services
Wards Affected	All Wards
Ward Councillor Consulted	
Non-Key Decision	

1. SUMMARY OF PROPOSALS

- 1.1 Members are asked to approve the appointment and composition of the Council's Boards and Committees for the 2012/13 Municipal Year.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 That for the remainder of the 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.
- 2.3 That the Head of Legal, Equalities and Democratic Services be authorised to make any consequential changes to the Council's Constitution arising from 2.1.

Financial Implications

- 3.1 There are no direct financial implications arising from this report.

Legal Implications

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

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Service / Operational Implications

- 3.3 The Council is required 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.
- 3.4 The rules of political proportionality mean that the political balance of the Council needs to be reflected in the political composition of individual Boards and Committees. In addition, the total number of seats allocated to each group must reflect the political balance of the Council.
- 3.5 The proposed proportional allocation of seats to Boards and Committees for 2012/13 is set out in Appendix 1.
- 3.6 The proposed allocation of seats on each Board/Committee has been done on a strict mathematical basis as shown in Appendix 1. The figures in bold in each column are the number of seats it is proposed should be allocated to each group. The figures in brackets are the mathematical calculations i.e. the total number of seats on the Board/Committee divided by the size of the group.
- 3.7 Under the new Standards regime (as referred to elsewhere on the Annual Council agenda) the Council's new Standards Committee will be required to be politically balanced. It is proposed that the new Committee will comprise 9 district councillors and 2 non-voting parish councillors. The proposed allocation of district councillor seats for the new Committee is included within Appendix 1.
- 3.8 It is proposed that the Local Development Framework Working Party will cease to exist. It should be noted that the Working Party has not met formally since August 2010. Informal consideration of matters in relation to the Core Strategy will take place at briefing events convened by the Strategic Planning team to which all Members of the Council will be invited to attend.

Customer / Equalities and Diversity Implications

- 3.9 No implications have been identified.

4. RISK MANAGEMENT

- 4.1 There are no significant risks associated with this item.

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5. APPENDICES

Appendix 1 Proposed Committees & allocation of Committee Places
2012/13

6. BACKGROUND PAPERS

None

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