

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES 2017-18

Relevant Portfolio Holder	Councillor G. Denaro
Portfolio Holder Consulted	Yes
Relevant Head of Service	Claire Felton, Head of Legal, Equalities & Democratic Services
Wards Affected	All Wards
Ward Councillor Consulted	N/A
Non-Key Decision	

1. SUMMARY OF PROPOSALS

- 1.1 Members are asked to approve the revised composition of the Council's Boards and Committees for the 2017/18 Municipal Year, following the outcome of the by election which took place on 8th June 2017.

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 and as substitute members in accordance with nominations to be made by Group Leaders.

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 place a duty on Councils to allocate the seats on certain committees in proportion to the size of the political groups on the Council.

Service / Operational Implications

- 3.3 The Council is required by law and/or its own Constitution to appoint various Boards and Committees, agree their terms of reference and to agree the allocation of seats which are subject to the rules of political proportionality. It must review the political balance on an annual basis or following any changes to the political make-up of the Council which take place during the municipal year.
- 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 allocation of seats on each Board/Committee is done on a strict mathematical basis. There has been a change to the size of the political groups due to the by election which took place on 8th June 2017 (as identified in Appendix 1), this changes the political balance of the Committees since the balance was agreed at Annual Council on 24th May 2017.

Customer / Equalities and Diversity Implications

- 3.6 No implications have been identified.

4. RISK MANAGEMENT

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

5. APPENDICES

Appendix 1 Proposed Committees & allocation of Committee Places
2017-18

6. BACKGROUND PAPERS

None

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