

## BROMSGROVE DISTRICT COUNCIL

### ANNUAL COUNCIL

6TH MAY 2009

#### 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	<b>Yes</b>
Chief Executive	<b>Yes</b>
Executive Director - Partnerships and Projects	<b>No</b>
Executive Director - Services	<b>No</b>
Assistant Chief Executive	<b>No</b>
Head of Service	<b>Yes</b>
Head of Financial Services	<b>No</b>
Head of Legal & Democratic Services	<b>Yes</b>
Head of Organisational Development & HR	<b>No</b>
Corporate Procurement Team	<b>No</b>

**13. WARDS AFFECTED**

All Wards

**14. APPENDICES**

Appendix 1 Allocation of Committee Places

**15. BACKGROUND PAPERS**

None

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