

BROMSGROVE DISTRICT COUNCIL

ANNUAL COUNCIL

Date 12th May 2010

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES 2010/11

Relevant Portfolio Holder	Councillor G N Denaro
Relevant Head of Service	Claire Felton
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 2010/11 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 membership of the Standards Committee is dealt with in a separate report on the agenda for the Annual Meeting of the Council.

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4. KEY ISSUES

- 4.1 The key issue in relation to this report is the need for the Council to apply the rules of political proportionality.
- 4.2 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 calculated allocation of seats i.e. the total number of seats on the committee divided by the size of the group.

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

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

6. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 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.

7. POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 There are no policy implications arising from this report. Decisions with regard to the appointment and political composition of Committees and Boards are matters for the full Council to consider.

8. COUNCIL OBJECTIVES

- 8.1 Effective governance is aligned to the Council's Improvement objective

9. RISK MANAGEMENT INCLUDING HEALTH & SAFETY CONSIDERATIONS

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

10. CUSTOMER IMPLICATIONS

- 10.1 None

11. EQUALITIES AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS

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11.1 None

12. VALUE FOR MONEY IMPLICATIONS, PROCUREMENT AND ASSET MANAGEMENT

12.1 None

13. CLIMATE CHANGE, CARBON IMPLICATIONS AND BIODIVERSITY

13.1 None

14. HUMAN RESOURCES IMPLICATIONS

14.1 None

15. GOVERNANCE/PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

15.1 The Committees and Boards are integral to the governance of the Council.

16. COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS INCLUDING SECTION 17 OF CRIME AND DISORDER ACT 1998

16.1 None

17. HEALTH INEQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

17.1 None

18. LESSONS LEARNT

18.1 N/A

19. COMMUNITY AND STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

19.1 None

20. OTHERS CONSULTED ON THE REPORT

Portfolio Holder	Yes
Chief Executive	No

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Executive Director (S151 Officer)	No
Executive Director – Leisure, Cultural, Environmental and Community Services	No
Executive Director – Planning & Regeneration, Regulatory and Housing Services	No
Director of Policy, Performance and Partnerships	No
Head of Service	Yes
Head of Resources	No
Head of Legal, Equalities & Democratic Services	Yes
Corporate Procurement Team	No

21. WARDS AFFECTED

All Wards

22. APPENDICES

Appendix 1 Proposed Allocation of Committee Places 2010/11

23. BACKGROUND PAPERS

None

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