

Subject:	Political Balance, Committees and Outside Bodies	Status:	For Publication
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Biodiversity Impact Assessment	Required:	No	Attached: No
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1.	RECOMMENDATION(S)
1.1	That the Council confirm appointments proposed by the various political groups as set out in the following appendices: Appendix A - Draft political balance calculation Appendix B - Draft committees of the Council, working groups, member champions and other meetings.

2. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 2.1 To confirm the political balance, appointments to committees and appointments to outside bodies for 2021/22.

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 At each Annual Meeting the Council is required to make a range of appointments for the coming municipal year. This report sets out the number of appointments which need to be made.
- 3.2 There are strict rules on political balance or proportionality which apply to appointments to decision making bodies of the Council. Appendix A illustrates the political balance.
- 3.3 Political balance does not apply to the Cabinet which may be either single or multi party.
- 3.4 The proposals of the Council's various political groups for appointments to the Council's committees, working groups, member champions and other meetings including outside bodies are set out in Appendix B. This includes the confirmation of co-opted members on the Audit and Accounts Committee and Overview and Scrutiny Committee.
- 3.5 Consultation has been carried out with Corporate Management Team and political groups.

4. RISK

- 4.1 All the issues raised and the recommendations in this report involve risk considerations as set out below:
- If appointments are not made to the committees then there is a risk that the Council will not be able to effectively conduct its business over the coming months. In addition, if appointments are not made to outside bodies there is a risk that the Council's views will not be represented in the debates undertaken within those

bodies.

5. FINANCE

5.1 There are no material financial matters arising from the report.

6. LEGAL

6.1 There are no specific legal implications identified as arising from this report, other than the need to make sure certain appointments are in line with the political balance rules.

7. POLICY AND EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

7.1 There are no specific policy or equalities implications for the Council arising from this report.

8. CONCLUSION

8.1 It is important that appointments to committees are made to ensure that the Council can effectively conduct its business.

No background papers