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## COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS AND CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGES FOR ANNUAL COUNCIL



**To:**

Civic Affairs Committee 14/05/2018

**Report by:**

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**Wards affected:**

All

### 1. Introduction

- 1.1 The report details the issues to consider and decide for recommendation to Council on 24 May 2018. An update paper will be published on 14 May when information from the political groups will have been received.

### 2. Recommendations

- 2.1 To recommend to Council:

- (i) The city council committees and the nominations to the joint and partner bodies (as current) in paragraph 3.2 and updated in a paper to be circulated on 14 May.
- (ii) The nominations for Chairs and Vice Chairs (as current) in paragraph 3.3 and updated in a paper to be circulated on 14 May.
- (iii) Constitutional updates required as part of the Annual Meeting process.

### **3. Background**

#### **Appointing Committees**

- 3.1 The rules on political balance set out in the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 will be applied to both scrutiny and regulatory committee composition so that, once the size of committees has been determined, the division of seats among the political groups on the Council will be automatic and the Council must appoint those members which each political group puts forward for its seats.

In considering the allocation of committee places to political groups, the Council is legally required to take into account the following principles:

- i) That the controlling group should have a majority of seats on each committee.
- ii) That the total number of committee places allocated to each political group must be in proportion to the number of members of that group on the Council.
- iii) That on each committee the number of places allocated to each political group must be in proportion to the number of members of that group on the Council.

The order of precedence of these principles is the order in which they are given - i.e. (i) takes highest priority, then (ii) then (iii).

- 3.2 The existing city council committees and size are listed below. The Council (or committees in respect of sub-committees) will appoint one alternate member in respect of each political group represented on that committee or sub-committee and two in the case of the major Scrutiny Committees for groups with more than one committee member. Unlike a substitute system, the city council's own committees use an Alternate Member where the councillor is a named member from a political group and preferably unchanged for the municipal year who will sit in for any committee member of the same political group who is unable to attend any meeting in the year that they are scheduled to attend.

- 3.3 The proportionality for both the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough

Combined Authority Overview and Scrutiny Committee and Audit and Governance Committee will be advised after election results from 3 May.

- 3.4 Following the 19 April Council meeting, two new Committees have been created the Environment and Community Scrutiny Committee (previously the Community Services Scrutiny Committee) and the Planning and Transport Scrutiny Committee (previously the Environment and Scrutiny Committee). The new Committees have been included below but with the number of members of the previous committees.

<b>Environment and Community Scrutiny Committee</b>
<i>Previously Community Services Scrutiny Committee</i>
Current Numbers- 7 ( 4 Labour + 2 Lib Dem+ 1 I/G)

<b>Planning and Transport Scrutiny Committee</b>
<i>Previously Environment Scrutiny Committee</i>
Current Numbers- 7 (5 Labour + 2 Lib Dem)

<b>Housing Scrutiny Committee</b>
Current Numbers- 8 ( 5 Labour + 2 Lib Dem +1 I/G)

<b>Strategy and Resources Scrutiny Committee</b>
Current Numbers- 6 (4 Labour+ 2 Lib Dem)

<b>Civic Affairs Committee</b>
Current Numbers- 6 ( 4 Labour +2 Lib Dem)

<b>Licensing Committee</b>
Current Numbers- 11 (7 Labour+ 4 Lib Dem)

<b>Planning Committee</b> (NB Council approves departure from proportionality here)
Current Numbers- 8 (4 Labour+ 3 Lib Dem + 1 I/G)

<b>Employment (Senior Officer) Committee</b>
Current Numbers- 6 (4 Labour +2 Lib Dem)

<b>Employment Appeals Sub-Committee</b>
Current Numbers- 7 (4 Labour +3 Lib Dem)

<b>Cambridge City Joint Area Committee (with County Council)</b>
Current Numbers- 6 ( 4 Labour +2 Lib Dem )

<b>Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority</b>
Current Numbers- 1 (Cllr Herbert, Leader of the Council) + 1 substitute (Cllr Price)

<b>Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority Overview and Scrutiny Committee</b>
Current Numbers- 1 Labour + 1 Lib Dem

<b>Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Audit and Governance Committee</b>
New – 1 + one substitute member

<b>Greater Cambridge City Deal Joint Assembly</b>
Current Numbers- 3 (2 Labour + 1 Lib Dem)

<b>Joint Development Control Committee - Cambridge Fringes</b>
Current Numbers- 6 (4 Labour+ 2 Lib Dem)

## **Chairs and Vice Chairs**

- 3.3 The Civic Affairs Committee is requested to make nominations for the Chairs and Vice Chairs for 2018/19. A paper listing the nominations will be circulated at the committee:

Strategy and Resources

Environment and Community Services

Planning and Transport

Housing (note - Chair is a Councillor, the Vice Chair is a tenant/leaseholder)

Civic Affairs

Licensing

Planning

Joint Development Control Committee (spokesperson for the City)

## **Constitutional Changes**

- 3.4 The Committee will receive an update at its meeting of any constitutional matters requiring consideration. Although none are anticipated at the time of publication, this exists to afford the committee the opportunity to consider any.

## **4. Implications**

### **(a) Financial Implications**

None.

### **(b) Staffing Implications**

None

### **(c) Equality and Poverty Implications**

None

### **(d) Environmental Implications**

None

### **(e) Procurement Implications**

None

### **(f) Community Safety Implications**

None

## **5. Consultation and communication considerations**

None

## **6. Background papers**

No background papers were used in the preparation of this report.

## **7. Appendices**

None

## **8. Inspection of papers**

To inspect the background papers or if you have a query on the report please contact Gary Clift, Democratic Services Manager, tel: 01223 - 457011, email: [gary.clift@cambridge.gov.uk](mailto:gary.clift@cambridge.gov.uk).