

Agenda Item:

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## Dorset County Council



Date of Meeting	16 May 2013
Officer	Chief Executive
Subject of Report	<b>Appointments to Committees of the County Council, Joint Committees, Dorset Fire Authority and Member Champions for 2013/14</b>
Executive Summary	<p>Procedure Rule (Standing Order) 50 as set out in the County Council's Constitution states that at their annual meeting the Council shall appoint to the standing committees.</p> <p>The Council is therefore invited to:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>(i) determine the allocation of seats to political groups and to make appointments to committees of the County Council for the year 2013/14;</li><li>(ii) determine the County Council's allocation of seats and to appoint members to serve on joint committees for the year 2013/14; and</li><li>(iii) determine the allocation of seats and to appoint members to serve on the Dorset Fire Authority for the year 2013/14.</li></ul> <p>The nominations of the Group Leaders will be tabled at the meeting.</p>
Impact Assessment:	Equalities Impact Assessment: n/a
	Use of Evidence: n/a

	Budget/ Risk Assessment: n/a
Recommendation	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That seats on committees of the County Council be allocated to political groups, as set out in paragraph 2.6, for the year 2013/14.</li> <li>2. That members of political groups be appointed to serve on the committees of the County Council to reflect the nominations of the Group Leaders.</li> <li>3. That County Council seats on joint committees be allocated to political groups as set out in paragraph 4.9 of this report for the year 2013/14.</li> <li>4. That the structure of the Dorset Health and Well-being Board, as detailed at Appendix 2, be approved.</li> <li>5. That members be appointed to serve on joint committees for the year 2013/14 in accordance with the nominations of the Group Leaders.</li> <li>6. That the Leader be asked to confirm appointments to the Dorset Waste Partnership Joint Committee, Public Health Joint Committee and the Dorset Health and Well-being Board.</li> <li>7. That seats on the Dorset Fire Authority be allocated to political groups for the year 2013/14, as set out in paragraph 5.4 of this report.</li> <li>8. That members be appointed to serve on the Dorset Fire Authority for the year 2013/14 in accordance with the nominations of the Group Leaders.</li> <li>9. That members be appointed as Member Champions for the year 2013/14 in accordance with the nominations of the Group Leaders.</li> </ol>
Reason for Recommendation	To comply with the County Council's Procedure Rules (Standing Orders).
Appendices	Dorset Health and Well-being Board Membership
Background Papers	None
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**1. Political Groups and Percentage Entitlement**

1.1 All members of the County Council except Mr Ian Smith (UKIP) belong to one of the three political groups of the County Council.

1.2 The number of members of political groups and the percentage entitlement is therefore as follows:-

<u>Conservative</u>	<u>Liberal Democrat</u>	<u>Labour</u>	<u>UKIP</u>	<u>Total</u>
27 (60.00%)	12 (26.67%)	5 (11.11%)	1 (2.22%)	45 (100%)

**2. Committees of the County Council**

2.1 The entitlement to seats on the ordinary Committees of the County Council which are allocated to each political group must bear the same proportion to the total of those seats as the number of members of each group is to the membership of the County Council. This excludes the Cabinet and the Standards Committee for which the political balance rules do not apply and the Staffing Committee for which the County Council has decided similarly that the rules should not apply.

2.2 In addition, where a political group has a majority of seats on the County Council, it must also have a majority on each individual body to which appointments are made.

2.3 However, the Council may waive political balance rules for any committee where the Council wishes to appoint an alternative number of members from political groups. In order for political balance to be waived no member must object to this, an objection by a single member would make it necessary to apply strict proportionality.

**2.4 Standards Committee**

The membership of the Standards Committee comprises the Chairman of the County Council and three other members nominated by the Group Leaders following discussions between them.

**2.5 Staffing Committee**

The membership of the Staffing Committee comprises five members to include the Chairman of the County Council, Leader of the County Council and three other members (to be nominated by the Group Leaders on each occasion). It is suggested that members continue to be appointed annually to this Committee subject to the membership being varied at the request of Group Leaders to deal with any appointment of the Chief Executive/Deputy Chief Executive/a Director under their terms of reference.

## 2.6 'Ordinary Committees'

The table below shows the number of seats on 'ordinary' committees to be allocated to political groups:

	<u>Con</u>	<u>Lib Dem</u>	<u>Labour</u>	<u>UKIP</u>	<u>Total</u>
Audit and Scrutiny	5	2	1	-	8
Adult and Community Services Overview	7	3	2	-	12
Children's Services Overview+	7	3	2	-	12
Environment Overview	7	3	2	-	12
Public Health Overview	7	3	2		
Children's and Adult Services Appeals*	3	1	1	-	5
Licensing and Registration	3	1	1	-	5
Personnel Appeals*	3	1	1	-	5
Planning	6	3	1	-	10
Roads and Rights of Way	6	3	1	-	10
Ad Hoc Accounts	5	3	1	-	9

+ Plus four co-opted voting members (on education matters only)

\* Plus reserve members

### The Standards Committee and the Staffing Committee

	<u>Con</u>	<u>Lib Dem</u>	<u>Labour</u>	<u>UKIP</u>	<u>Total</u>
Standards	1	1	1	-	4*
Staffing	1	1	1	-	3+

\* Chairman of the County Council plus 3 members and 4 independent members

+ Leader of the Council and Chairman of the County Council plus 3 members

## 3. **Appointments to Committees**

3.1 Group Leaders have been asked for their nominations to committees in accordance with the allocations set out in paragraph 2.6. These will be tabled at the meeting. It is for the County Council to make these appointments.

## 4. **Joint Arrangements**

4.1 The Dorset Health Scrutiny Committee consists of 12 members, of whom six are appointed by the County Council and one appointed by each of the six district/borough councils in Dorset. The Constitution provides that every effort should be made to include one county councillor from each district/borough council area.

4.2 Arrangements for the Dorset Police and Crime Panel were agreed by the County Council in 26 April 2012 to establish a Panel following the election of the Police and Crime Commissioner in November 2012. The Panel consists of two members from

the County Council, one member from Bournemouth Borough Council (+3 co-opted), one member from Borough of Poole (+2 co-opted), one member from each district/borough council in Dorset, and two independent members. The County Council is therefore invited to appoint two members to the Panel.

- 4.3 The Pension Fund Committee consists of five members of the County Council (with no more than one being a member of the Cabinet), one nominated by Bournemouth Borough Council, one nominated by the Borough of Poole, one representing district councils within the County and a scheme member representative.
- 4.4 The South East Dorset Strategic Planning and Transportation Joint Committee consists of 18 members divided equally between the Bournemouth, Dorset and Poole authorities. It has two sub-groups dealing with sub-regional and local transport plan matters.
- 4.5 The membership of the Dorset and South Wiltshire Planning and Transportation Liaison Committee includes one member to be appointed by the County Council.
- 4.6 The County Council agreed the governance arrangements in relation to Public Health at its meeting held on 14 February 2013, which included the formation of a Public Health Joint Committee.
- 4.7 Those members appointed to the Dorset Waste Partnership Joint Committee and the Public Health Joint Committee must be members of the County Council's Cabinet as these are executive decision-making bodies. These appointments are made by the Leader of the County Council. In addition to the two cabinet members the County Council, Bournemouth Borough Council and the Borough of Poole are each entitled to appoint a non-cabinet member from one of the opposition groups to attend meetings of the Public Health Joint Committee with observer status.
- 4.8 At its meeting held on 27 February 2013, the Dorset Health and Wellbeing Board discussed the Board structure and membership and resolved to extend its membership to include a representative of the local NHS provider trusts. The County Council is therefore asked to agree the composition of the Health and Wellbeing Board as attached at Appendix 2. In addition to this the Council is asked to appoint the Leader of the Council, Cabinet Member for Public Health, Cabinet Member for Adult and Community Services and the Cabinet Member for Children's Services to the Board.
- 4.9 As far as the County Council membership is concerned, the allocation of seats follows the political balance of the County Council, giving the following allocations:

	<u>Con</u>	<u>Lib Dem</u>	<u>Labour</u>	<u>UKIP</u>	<u>Total</u>
Dorset Health Scrutiny Committee	4	1	1	-	6
Dorset Police and Crime Panel	3	1	-	-	4
Pension Fund Committee	3	1	1	-	5+
South East Dorset Strategic Planning and Transportation Jt Cttee	4	1	1	-	6*

Sub-Regional Advisory Group	2	-	-	-	2*
Local Transport Plan Advisory Group	2	-	-	-	2*
Dorset and South Wiltshire Planning and Transportation Liaison Committee	1	-	-	-	1*
Dorset Waste Partnership Joint Committee	2	-	-	-	2*
Public Health Joint Committee	2	1#	-	-	2*
Dorset Health and Well-being Board	4	-	-	-	4

+plus a scheme member representative

\*plus reserve members in the same number

# observer status

4.10 The nominations received from the Group Leaders will be tabled at the meeting.

## 5. Dorset Fire Authority

5.1 The Dorset Fire Authority consists of 15 members drawn from Dorset County Council, Bournemouth Borough Council and the Borough of Poole. Under the Combination Order which established the Fire Authority each council is entitled to places on the Authority in proportion to its share of the total electorate for the combined area.

5.2 The allocation of seats relates directly to the balance of the electorate amongst the three councils. The allocation of seats for 2012/13 changed to reflect that the County Council was entitled to 8 seats and Bournemouth Borough Council 4 seats. The Borough of Poole continued to be entitled to 3 seats.

5.3 As far as the County Council's appointments are concerned, the allocation of seats to political groups follows the political balance of the County Council.

5.4 This gives the following allocation:

<u>Con</u>	<u>Lib Dem</u>	<u>Labour</u>	<u>UKIP</u>	<u>Total</u>
5	2	1	-	8

5.4 The nominations received from the Group Leaders will be tabled at the meeting.

**6. Member Champions**

6.1 Members are asked to consider the appointment of Member Champions for the year 2013/14 for:

- (i) Carer's Champion
- (ii) Corporate Sustainability programme
- (iii) Diversity (including disability)
- (iv) Domestic Violence
- (v) Freedom of Information
- (vi) Community Services (incorporating cultural services, community safety, health improvement, adult learning and the voluntary sector)
- (vii) Mental Health Services
- (viii) Older People
- (ix) Physical Activity
- (x) Trading Standards
- (xi) Supporting People
- (xii) Young People "Hear by Right" (Setting Standards for the Active Involvement of Young People in Democracy)

6.2 The nominations received from the Group Leaders will be tabled at the meeting.

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Chief Executive  
May 2013

## APPENDIX 1

### **Dorset Health and Well-being Board**

#### **Membership**

##### Elected Members (9 in total)

- The Leader of the County Council
- Portfolio holder for Public Health
- Portfolio holder for Adult and Community Services
- Portfolio holder for Children's Services
- District / Borough Council – x1 member representative from each authority (6 in total)

##### Local Authority Officers (4 in total)

- Director of Adult Services DCC
- Director of Children's Services DCC
- Director of Public Health DCC / NHS
- District / Borough Council – officer representative x1 to represent all

##### NHS Representatives (10 in total)

- GP Clinical Commissioning Groups
  - 1 x Chair of each Locality Executive (7 in total)
  - 1 x Chair of Dorset CCG Board
- Commissioning Support Organisation - x1
- NHS Commissioning Board representative

##### Other (4 in total)

- Healthwatch representative ( LINK representative in interim)
- Voluntary Sector representatives - 1 x Children's  
- 1 x Adults
- Local NHS Provider Trusts - x1

Total 28