

County Council

Dorset County Council



Date of Meeting	21 April 2016
Officer	Chief Executive
Subject of Report	Appointments to Committees, Joint Committees and the Dorset and Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Authority for 2016/17
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"> (i) determine the allocation of seats to political groups and to make appointments to committees of the County Council for the year 2016/17; (ii) determine the County Council's allocation of seats and to appoint members to serve on joint committees for the year 2016/17; and (iii) determine the allocation of seats and to appoint members to serve on the Dorset and Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Authority for the year 2016/17. <p>The nominations of the Group Leaders will be tabled at the meeting.</p>
Impact Assessment:	Equalities Impact Assessment: N/A
	Use of Evidence: Appropriate use of evidence has been used in the compilation of this report by utilising the membership details of Committees during 2015/16, and consideration of Scrutiny Review at the Council meeting in February 2016.
	Budget: This report has no budget or VAT implications.
	<p>Risk Assessment: Having considered the risks associated with this decision using the County Council's approved risk management methodology, the level of risk has been identified as:</p> <p>Current Risk: LOW Residual Risk: LOW</p>

	Other Implications: N/A
Recommendation	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That seats and appointments on committees of the County Council, joint committees and the Dorset and Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Authority be allocated, as nominated by Group Leaders, for 2016/17. 2. That the Leader be asked to confirm his appointments to the Dorset Waste Partnership Joint Committee, Public Health Joint Board and the Dorset Health and Wellbeing Board. 3. That members be appointed to serve on other organisations for the year 2016/17 as nominated by Group Leaders.
Reason for Recommendation	To comply with the County Council's Procedure Rules (Standing Orders).
Appendices	None
Background Papers	None
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Political Groups and Percentage Entitlement

1.1 All members of the County Council except Cllr Ian Smith (UKIP) and Cllr Clare Sutton (Green Party) 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>Green</u>
27 (60.00%)	12 (26.67%)	4 (8.88%)	1 (2.22%)	1 (2.22%)

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 any other committee for which the political balance are not applied.

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. In recent years it has been decided that political proportionality shall not apply to the Staffing Committee. However, in light of the recommendation considered earlier on this agenda the allocation of places on the Staffing Committee may change and the Personnel Appeals Committee may not continue.

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

	<u>Con</u>	<u>Lib Dem</u>	<u>Labour</u>	<u>UKIP</u>	<u>Green</u>	<u>Total</u>
Audit and Governance	6	3	1	-	-	10
Children's and Adult Services Appeals	3	1	1	-	-	5*
Economic Growth Overview and Scrutiny	6	3	1	-	-	10
People and Communities Overview and Scrutiny	6	3	1	-	-	10+
Personnel Appeals	3	1	1	-	-	5*
Regulatory	9	4	2	-	-	15
Safeguarding Overview and Scrutiny	6	3	1	-	-	10
Staffing (as in 2015/16)	1	1	1	-	-	3#
<i>If recommendation for 8 seats is approved</i>	5	2	1	-	-	8

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

* Plus reserve members

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

Appointments to Committees

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

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 on 26 April 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 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 Joint Public Health Board.
- 4.5 Those members appointed to the Dorset Waste Partnership Joint Committee and the Joint Public Health Board 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 Joint Public Health Board with observer status.
- 4.6 The Council is asked to appoint the following members to the Dorset Health and Wellbeing Board:
- Cabinet Member for Communities, Health and Wellbeing
 - Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care
 - Cabinet Member for Economy and Growth (reserve member)
- 4.7 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>Green</u>	<u>Total</u>
Dorset Health Scrutiny Committee	4	1	1	-	-	6
Dorset Police and Crime Panel	1	1	-	-	-	2
Pension Fund Committee	3	1	1	-	-	5+
Local Pension Board	1	-	-	-	-	1
Dorset Waste Partnership Joint Committee	2	-	-	-	-	2*
Joint Public Health Board	2	1#	-	-	-	2*
Dorset Health and Well-being Board	3	-	-	-	-	3

+plus a scheme member representative

*plus reserve members in the same number

observer status

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

Dorset and Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Authority

- 5.1 During 2015/16 the Shadow Dorset and Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Authority has been responsible for putting in place a new combined Dorset and Wiltshire Authority from 1 April 2016. From 1 April 2016 the allocation of seats on the newly established Dorset and Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Authority will remain the same as the former Dorset Fire Authority consisting of 15 members drawn from Dorset County Council, Bournemouth Borough Council and the Borough of Poole. Under the Combination Order which established the 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. 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 as shown below:

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

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

Other Organisations

- 6.1 The County Council is entitled to places on the following organisations which, with the exception of the Rural Commission and the South West Strategic Leaders Board, again have previously been allocated in accordance with political proportionality.

	<u>Con</u>	<u>Lib Dem</u>	<u>Labour</u>	<u>UKIP</u>	<u>Total</u>
Local Government Association - General Assembly	3	1	-	-	4
County Council's Network (CCN)	3	1	-	-	4
South West Councils	1	-	-	-	1
South West Councils Employers Panel	1	-	-	-	1

- 6.2 The nominations of Group Leaders will be tabled at the meeting.

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 Chief Executive
 April 2016