

# Shadow Dorset Council

Date of Meeting	7 June 2018
Officer	Proper Officer for the Shadow Dorset Council: Debbie Ward, Chief Executive – Dorset County Council
<b>Subject of Report</b>	<b>Appointments to Committees 2018/19</b>
Executive Summary	<p>The Shadow Dorset Council Constitution states that at its first meeting the Shadow Council shall appoint to the standing committees.</p> <p>The Shadow Council is therefore invited to-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. allocate seats to political groups and to make appointments to committees for the year 2018/19; and,</li> <li>2. delegate authority to Group Leaders to make in-year changes to appointments.</li> </ol> <p>The nominations of the Group Leaders will be circulated prior to 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 2018/19.
	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"> <li>1. That seats and appointments to the Shadow Executive Committee of the Shadow Dorset Council be allocated, as nominated by Dorset Councils for 2018/19.</li> </ol>

## Appointments to Committees

	<p>2. That seats and appointments on committees of the Shadow Dorset Council be allocated, as nominated by Group Leaders, for 2018/19.</p> <p>3. That Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen of committees for the year 2018/19 be appointed at the first meeting of each committee.</p> <p>4. That delegated authority be given to Group Leaders to make in-year changes to appointments.</p>
Reason for Recommendation	To comply with the Shadow 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 Dorset Shadow Council except for four councillors belong to one of the four political groups across all Dorset councils.
- 1.2 At the point of writing this report no Dorset area political groups have been formed, but officers have used the existing political affiliations to assume political proportionality. However, by the time of this meeting political groups must be formed and the entitlements could therefore change and be updated as necessary. 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>Green</u>
150 (72.81%)	36 (17.47%)	13 (6.31%)	3 (1.46%)

Note: There is the addition of four independent members across four councils.

## Committees of the Dorset Shadow Council

- 2.1 The Shadow Executive Committee will carry out all of the Shadow Council's duties and responsibilities which are not the responsibility of any other part of the Shadow Council, whether by law or under this Constitution, and in particular it will carry out those duties and responsibilities of the Shadow Executive Committee which are contained in the 2018 Order. It shall be responsible for making recommendations to the Shadow Council on the setting of a budget for the Dorset Council and will have the opportunity to express a view to the Shadow Council on the appointment of Senior Officers prior to any such appointment being confirmed.

## Appointments to Committees

- 2.2 The Order provides that the Shadow Executive Committee is to consist of ten councillors nominated by Dorset County Council and two councillors nominated by each of the District/Borough Councils, each of whom is for the time being a member of the nominating Council.
- 2.3 No deputy or substitution arrangements are allowed in respect of the Shadow Executive Committee. The Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Shadow Council cannot be appointed to the Shadow Executive Committee.
- 2.4 The entitlement to seats on the remainder of the committees of the Shadow Dorset 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 Shadow Council.
- 2.2 In addition, where a political group has a majority of seats on the Shadow Council, it must also have a majority on each individual body to which appointments are made.
- 2.3 However, the Shadow 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 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>Green</u>	<u>Total</u>
Overview and Scrutiny	12	3	1	-	16
Senior Officer Appointments	6	1	1	-	8
Standards	6	1	1	-	8

- 2.5 Group Leaders have been asked for their nominations to committees in accordance with the allocations above. These will be circulated prior to the meeting. It is for the Shadow Dorset Council to make these appointments.

## Appointments to Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen of Committees

- 3.1 The Constitution of the Shadow Dorset Council states that at their annual meeting the Council may appoint, from among the voting members, a Chairman and Vice-Chairman for each standing committee. Delegation to the committees is sought to enable each committee to elect a Chairman and Vice-Chairman from its membership at their first meetings. In respect of the chairmanship of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee, this appointment of must be from the largest minority political group.
- 3.2 The Chairman (and Vice-Chairman) of the Shadow Executive Committee will be elected by the Committee at its first meeting as prescribed in the Structural Change Order. The Chairman of the Shadow Executive Committee will be the Leader of the Shadow Council and the Vice-Chairman will be the Deputy Leader.