

AGENDA MANAGEMENT SHEET

Name of Committee County Council

Date of Committee 17 May 2011

Report Title **Appointments to Committees and Other Bodies**

Summary To determine the arrangements for and the membership of the Council's committees, other Council bodies and appointments to external organisations.

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Would the recommended decision be contrary to the Budget and Policy Framework? No.

Background papers None

CONSULTATION ALREADY UNDERTAKEN:- Details to be specified

- Other Committees
- Local Member(s) N/A
- Other Elected Members
- Cabinet Member
- Chief Executive Jim Graham
- Legal Jane Pollard
- Finance
- Other Strategic Directors
- District Councils
- Health Authority
- Police

Other Bodies/Individuals

FINAL DECISION YES

SUGGESTED NEXT STEPS:

Details to be specified

Further consideration by this Committee

To Council

To Cabinet

To an O & S Committee

To an Area Committee

Further Consultation

County Council - 17 May 2011.

Appointments to Committees and Other Bodies

Recommendation

That the Council considers the arrangements it wishes to make for the terms of reference, membership and appointments to the Council's Committees and other bodies.

1.0 Establishment of Committees

- 1.1 Article 5 of the Constitution requires as a minimum the establishment of the following committees

Overview and Scrutiny Committee
Audit and Standards Committee
Regulatory Committee

- 1.2 In June 2009 the Council also established the Staff and Pensions Committee and Area Committees

2.0 Allocation of seats between political groups

- 2.1 The composition of the Council is now 39 Conservative; 11 Liberal Democrat; 11 Labour and 1 Independent councillors. The Local Government and Housing Act 1989 requires that appointments to committees and sub-committees must achieve political balance in their membership. (There are exceptions to this notably for geographically based committees on which all local members sit.) Where one party has an overall majority of seats on the Council then the majority of seats on a body should be allocated to that party.

- 2.2 The other ground rules are:

Committees: the aggregate allocation of all committee seats must be proportional to the party groups' overall membership on the Council. Within those allocations each individual committee must be split as close to the overall proportions as possible.

Sub-committees: the sub-committee is split proportionally – there is no aggregation.

Panels, Working Parties: the national rules do not apply but the Council has applied the proportionality rule as a matter of good practice.

- 2.3 The overall rules can be set aside in favour of local arrangements provided this is agreed by the Council with no-one voting against it.
- 2.4 The Council is invited to confirm the arrangements it wishes to make for committees, their terms of reference and the allocation of seats on the committees between the political groups and individual elected members following the bye-elections. Skeleton resolutions are set out at Appendix 1 to assist members in their deliberations. It is suggested that Area Committees are only established to the 28th June 2011 as the future arrangements are due to be discussed by Council on that day.
- 2.5 The Council is asked to confirm the arrangements for the Leaders Liaison Group and its appointments to the Standing Advisory Council for Religious Education (SACRE) and the School Admissions Forum.
- 2.6 The Council is also asked to confirm the appointments to the Warwickshire Police Authority. New regulations require that in making such appointments the Council as far as reasonably practicable ensures the councillors appointed
- represent the interests of a wide range of people within the community in the area of the police authority area
 - include persons with skills, knowledge or experience which appear to be under-represented among the other members of the police authority
 - promote diversity within the force and police authority
 - are likely to commit sufficient time to take an effective role in the work of the police authority
- 2.7 The Council is also asked to confirm the appointments to the following external organisations.

3.0 Members Allowances Scheme

- 3.1 Changes in the political management structure and responsibilities may impact on the allowances payable under the member allowances scheme. Members may therefore need to consider whether any changes should be referred to the Independent Remuneration Panel.

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1. That the Council elects Councillor _____ as the Chair of the Council
2. That the Council elects Councillor _____ as Vice-Chair of the Council
3. That the Council confirms the Committee structure and delegations in the Constitution remain unchanged subject to the following:

{List changes required to terms of reference/size/membership of committees}

4. That the number of places on Council Committees be as follows

Committees	Con	LD	Lab	Other	Total
Audit and Standards Committee					
Regulatory Committee					
Staff and Pensions Committee					
Such Overview and Scrutiny Committees as may be appointed each to be listed separately					
Such Area Committees as may be appointed each to be listed separately					
Total					

5. That the Council appoints the following committees and the members to sit on them

Audit and Standards Committee
 Regulatory Committee
 Staff and Pensions Committee
 Overview and Scrutiny Committees (to be listed separately)

6. That the Area Committees are appointed until 28th June 2011. The terms of reference and arrangements for the Committees remain unchanged.
7. That John Bridgeman be confirmed as the Chair of the Audit and Standards Committee. The terms of reference and arrangements for sub-committees of that Committee remain unchanged.
8. That the Chair of the Staff and Pensions Committee shall be the Leader of the Council. Subject to any changes that may be made by the Staff and Pensions Committee the terms of reference and arrangements for the Pension Fund Investment Board remain unchanged.

9. That the Leaders Liaison Group be reconfirmed to consist of the Leaders and Deputy Leaders of the political groups represented on the Council. The terms of reference remain unchanged.
10. That the following 9 members be appointed to Warwickshire Police Authority
Councillors: Conservatives (5)
Liberal Democrat (2)
Labour (2)
11. That the following 5 members be appointed to the Standing Advisory Council for Religious Education:
Councillors: Conservatives (3):
Liberal Democrat (1):
Labour (1):
12. That the following 3 members be appointed to the School Admissions Forum:
Councillors: Conservative (2):
Liberal Democrat (1):
13. That the Community Forums continue to operate in accordance with the arrangements previously agreed by Council.
14. That the following members be appointed to the Warwickshire Waste Partnership
Councillors: Conservative (3)
Liberal Democrat (1)
Labour (1)
15. That with immediate effect all other committees, sub-committees and Panels cease to operate other than any statutorily required bodies
16. That the Council confirms the delegations to officers as set out in the Constitution.
17. That the Council makes the following appointments to external organisations
(List any required)
- 18.