

Supplementary Papers for Council

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3. **Review of the political balance of the Council, the allocation of seats on Committees to each Political Group, appointment of Councillors to Committees and appointments to Outside bodies**

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Table 1 – Political Balance of the Council

1. (Table 1 below is the political balance of the Council. It should be noted that the calculations take account of the proposed changes to the overall number of seats on committees as detailed in Table 2. The total number of seats on all committees is 102.). Recommendation (a) would therefore be seeking approval of this revised Table 1).

	No of Seats	% of total seats	Seat entitlement*
Conservative	37	48.68%	49.66
Liberal Democrats	13	17.11%	17.45
Christchurch Independents	7	9.21%	9.39
Poole Independents	5	6.58%	6.71
Poole Local	5	6.58%	6.71
Bournemouth Independent & Greens	4	5.26%	5.37
Labour	3	3.95%	4.03
Non-aligned	2	2.63%	2.68
Total	76	100%	102

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Table 2 – Allocation of Committee Seats to Political Groups

2. The Council is asked to consider the proposed changes to the allocation of seats to each political group as detailed in Table 2 below. The last column in the table below identifies that there is no variance when compared to the calculations set out in Table 1. These calculations are therefore not at variance with the political balance provisions.

	Planning Committee	Licensing Committee	Standards Committee	Appeals Committee	Audit & Governance Committee	Corporate & Community O&S Committee	Place O&S Committee	Health & Adult Social Care O&S Committee	Children's Services O&S Committee	Investigation and Disciplinary Committee	Total	Variance (+/-)
Conservative	7	6	4	4	4	6	6	6	5	2	50	+ 0
Liberal Democrats	2	2	1	1	2	2	1	2	2	2	17	+ 0
Christchurch Independents	2	1	1	1	1	0	0	1	1	1	9	+ 0
Poole Independents	1	1	0	1	1	0	1	1	0	1	7	+ 0
Poole Local	1	2	0	0	1	1	1	0	1	0	7	+ 0
Bournemouth Independent & Greens	1	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	5	+ 0
Labour	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	4	+ 0
Non-aligned	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	3	+ 0
Total	15	14	7	7	9	11	11	11	11	6	102	

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Table 3 - Appointment of Councillors to Committees

3. Table 3 below includes the membership of committees in accordance with the wishes of the political groups. The political groups may at any time alter the Group's membership of Committees, but any seats allocated to unaligned Members must be approved by full Council.
4. It should be noted that Part 4D of the Constitution Procedure Rules – (Meeting Procedure Rules) – Sub Part A – Council Meetings states “1.4 All councillors should be expected to sit on at least one committee or panel of the Council.”

	Planning Committee	Licensing Committee	Standards Committee	Appeals Committee	Audit & Governance Committee	Corporate & Community O&S Committee	Place O&S Committee	Health & Adult Social Care O&S Committee	Children's Services O&S Committee	Investigation and Disciplinary Committee
Conservative	Borthwick Davies Hall T Johnson Kelsey Lawton O'Neill	S Anderson Decent Farr T Johnson Kelsey Williams	Borthwick Brooks Filer Kelsey	S Anderson Filer Haines Hedges	Beesley Fear Filer T Johnson	Allen Davies Edwards Hedges Rocca Williams	Dion Farr Fear Gabriel Jones Lawton	Dion Edwards C Johnson Jones Phillips Stribley	Coope Gabriel Haines Phillips Rocca	Mellor* Broadhead**
Liberal Democrats	Le Poidevin Trent	Brown Burton	Andrews	Le Poidevin	Brooke Cox	Andrews Earl	Slade	Matthews Robson	Burton Moore	Maidment Moore
Christchurch Independents	Hilliard McCormack	Flagg	Ricketts	Hilliard	Phipps	-	-	Dedman	Geary	Flagg
Poole Independents	Rice	Howell	-	Miles	Howell	-	Hadley	Evans	-	Evans
Poole Local	Baron	Bagwell J Butt	-	-	D Butt	Iyengar	Iyengar	-	D Butt	-
Bournemouth Independent & Greens	Bull	Wilson	Northover	-	-	-	Rigby	-	Northover	-
Labour	Farquhar	Farquhar	-	-	-	Allison	-	-	Lewis	-
Non-aligned	-	-	-	-	-	Bartlett	Bartlett	Butler	-	-

* Leader of the Council in accordance with the Constitution

** Portfolio Holder in accordance with the Constitution

Table 4 - Allocation of Outside Body Seats to Political Groups

5. The Council is asked to consider and approve the allocation of seats to the bodies listed in Tables 4 and 5 below, which are required to be appointed in accordance with the political balance principles.

	Additional entitlement on outside bodies based on all Seats	Dorset Police and Crime Panel	Dorset and Wiltshire Fire & Rescue Authority	Dorset Pension Fund Committee	Lower Central Gardens Trust Board *	Stour Valley and Poole Partnership Joint Committee	Total	Variance (+/-)
Conservative	10	3	2	2	2	1	10	+ 0
Liberal Democrats	4	0	1	1	1	1	4	+ 0
Christchurch Independents	2	0	1	0	0	1	2	+ 0
Poole Independents	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	+ 0
Poole Local	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	+ 0
Bournemouth Independent & Greens	2	1	0	0	1	0	2	+ 0
Labour	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	+ 0
Non-aligned	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	+ 0
Total	21	5	5	3	4	4	21	

* Membership on Lower Central Gardens Trust Board must be not less than 4 and not more than 5.

Table 5 - Appointment of Councillors to Outside Bodies

	Dorset Police and Crime Panel	Dorset and Wiltshire Fire & Rescue Authority	Dorset Pension Fund Committee	Lower Central Gardens Trust Board *	Stour Valley and Poole Partnership Joint Committee
Conservative	Dove Haines T Johnson	Davies T Johnson	Beesley Dove	M Greene Williams	Haines
Liberal Democrats	-	Earl	Brown	Slade	Brown
Christchurch Independents	-	Hilliard	-	-	Dedman
Poole Independents	Howell	-	-	-	-
Poole Local	-	Baron	-	-	-
Bournemouth Independent & Greens	Rigby	-	-	Bull	-
Labour	-	-	-	-	Farquhar
Non-aligned	-	-	-	-	-