

Notice of Extraordinary Council

Date: Tuesday, 21 June 2022 at 7.00 pm

Venue: Council Chamber, BCP Civic Centre, Bournemouth BH2 6DY



Chairman:

Cllr N Hedges

Vice Chairman:

Cllr T O'Neill

Cllr H Allen
Cllr L Allison
Cllr M Anderson
Cllr S C Anderson
Cllr M Andrews
Cllr J Bagwell
Cllr S Baron
Cllr S Bartlett
Cllr J Beesley
Cllr D Borthwick
Cllr P Broadhead
Cllr M F Brooke
Cllr N Brooks
Cllr D Brown
Cllr S Bull
Cllr R Burton
Cllr D Butler
Cllr D Butt
Cllr J J Butt
Cllr E Coope
Cllr M Cox
Cllr M Davies
Cllr N Decent
Cllr L Dedman
Cllr B Dion

Cllr B Dove
Cllr B Dunlop
Cllr M Earl
Cllr J Edwards
Cllr L-J Evans
Cllr G Farquhar
Cllr D Farr
Cllr L Fear
Cllr A Filer
Cllr D A Flagg
Cllr S Gabriel
Cllr N C Geary
Cllr M Greene
Cllr N Greene
Cllr A Hadley
Cllr M Haines
Cllr P R A Hall
Cllr P Hilliard
Cllr M Howell
Cllr M Iyengar
Cllr C Johnson
Cllr T Johnson
Cllr A Jones
Cllr J Kelly
Cllr D Kelsey

Cllr R Lawton
Cllr M Le Poidevin
Cllr L Lewis
Cllr R Maidment
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Cllr S McCormack
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Cllr S Moore
Cllr L Northover
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Cllr M Phipps
Cllr K Rampton
Cllr Dr F Rice
Cllr V Ricketts
Cllr C Rigby
Cllr R Rocca
Cllr M Robson
Cllr V Slade
Cllr A M Stribley
Cllr T Trent
Cllr M White
Cllr L Williams
Cllr K Wilson

All Members of the Council are summoned to attend this meeting to consider the items of business set out on the agenda below. The press and public are welcome to view the live stream of this meeting at the following link: <https://democracy.bcpCouncil.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?MId=5349>

If you would like any further information on the items to be considered at the meeting please contact: Karen Tompkins on 01202 096660 or email democratic.services@bcpCouncil.gov.uk

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CHIEF EXECUTIVE

13 June 2022



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What are the principles of bias and pre-determination and how do they affect my participation in the meeting?

Bias and predetermination are common law concepts. If they affect you, your participation in the meeting may call into question the decision arrived at on the item.

Bias Test

In all the circumstances, would it lead a fair minded and informed observer to conclude that there was a real possibility or a real danger that the decision maker was biased?

Predetermination Test

At the time of making the decision, did the decision maker have a closed mind?

If a councillor appears to be biased or to have predetermined their decision, they must NOT participate in the meeting.

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Selflessness

Councillors should act solely in terms of the public interest

Integrity

Councillors must avoid placing themselves under any obligation to people or organisations that might try inappropriately to influence them in their work. They should not act or take decisions in order to gain financial or other material benefits for themselves, their family, or their friends. They must declare and resolve any interests and relationships

Objectivity

Councillors must act and take decisions impartially, fairly and on merit, using the best evidence and without discrimination or bias

Accountability

Councillors are accountable to the public for their decisions and actions and must submit themselves to the scrutiny necessary to ensure this

Openness

Councillors should act and take decisions in an open and transparent manner. Information should not be withheld from the public unless there are clear and lawful reasons for so doing

Honesty & Integrity

Councillors should act with honesty and integrity and should not place themselves in situations where their honesty and integrity may be questioned

Leadership

Councillors should exhibit these principles in their own behaviour. They should actively promote and robustly support the principles and be willing to challenge poor behaviour wherever it occurs

AGENDA

Items to be considered while the meeting is open to the public

1. **Apologies**

To receive any apologies for absence from Councillors.

2. **Declarations of Interests**

Councillors are requested to declare any interests on the item included in this agenda. Please refer to the workflow on the preceding page for guidance.

Declarations received will be reported at the meeting.

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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The Council is asked to consider and approve the 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 following Councillors Steve Baron, Daniel Butt, Judes Butt and Mohan Iyengar leaving the Conservative Group and subsequently establishing a new Political Group including Councillor Julie Bagwell.

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COUNCIL



Report subject	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
Meeting date	21 June 2022
Status	Public Report
Executive summary	The Council is asked to consider and approve the 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 following Councillors Steve Baron, Daniel Butt, Judes Butt and Mohan Iyengar leaving the Conservative Group and subsequently establishing a new Political Group including Councillor Julie Bagwell.
Recommendations	<p>It is RECOMMENDED that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) the revised political balance of the Council, as set out in Table 1 of this report be approved; (b) the allocation of seats to each political group, as set out in Table 2 (to follow), be approved; (c) the appointment of Councillors to Committees and Boards, taking account of the membership as detailed in Table 3 (to follow), be approved; (d) the allocation of seats to each political group on the outside bodies as detailed in Table 4 (to follow), be approved; (e) the appointment of Councillors to the outside bodies, as detailed in Table 5 (to follow), be approved; (e) Subject to (b) and (e) above the Council is requested to approve the appointment of unaligned Members to any Committees, Boards and Outside bodies.
Reason for recommendations	To ensure compliance with the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 and associated Regulations in reviewing and approving the political balance of the Council and the allocation of seats together with any other associated issues.

Portfolio Holder(s):	Councillor Drew Mellor, Leader of the Council
Corporate Director	Graham Farrant, Chief Executive
Report Authors	Richard Jones, Head of Democratic Services
Wards	Council-wide
Classification	For Decision

Background

1. The Council is asked to consider the political balance of the Council following notification that Councillors Steve Baron, Daniel Butt, Judes Butt and Mohan Iyengar had left the Conservative Group. Subsequently, formal notice has been received establishing a new political group comprising the councillors above plus Councillor Julie Bagwell. The new political group is named 'Poole Local Group'.
2. Set out in Table 1 below is the revised political balance of the Council reflecting these changes.

Table 1

	No of Seats	% of total seats	Seat entitlement*
Conservative	37	48.68	50.63
Liberal Democrats	13	17.11	17.79
Christchurch Independents	7	9.21	9.58
Poole Independents	5	6.58	6.84
Poole Local	5	6.58	6.84
Bournemouth Independent & Greens	4	5.26	5.47
Labour	3	3.95	4.11
Non-aligned	2	2.63	2.74
Total	76	100.00	104.00

3. The following principles are contained within Section 15 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 and have been amended under the regulations to take account of the fact that not all the seats are held by members of political groups. They need to be applied in the following order and as far as practicably possible:
 - (a) Not all the seats on a committee are allocated to the same political group.
 - (b) Where a group has a majority of seats on the Authority it should have the majority of seats on each committee.
 - (c) The third rule provides that, without being inconsistent with the first two rules, the number of seats allocated to each political group on all the ordinary committees taken together be as near as reasonably practicable proportionate to their proportion of seats as a proportion of the authority as a whole.
 - (d) Finally, so far as is consistent with the above each group should be allocated seats on each committee to reflect their proportion of seats on the authority.

4. At the time of publishing the report the tables 2 – 5 referenced in the recommendations require finalising and will be circulated in due course.
 - Table 2 – the allocation of seats on Committees to each political group and non-aligned Councillors
 - Table 3 – the appointments of Councillors to Committees
 - Table 4 – the allocation of seats on outside bodies to each political group and non-aligned Councillors
 - Table 5 – the appointment of Councillors to Outside bodies

Summary of financial implications

5. There are no financial implications associated with this report.

Summary of legal implications

6. The Council is required to comply with the relevant legislation and regulations when considering and approving the political balance of the Council and the allocation of seats.
7. The Act and Regulations make provisions where a proposal is not as far as possible politically representative. This includes instances where a Group gives up a seat which they are entitled to hold in favour of another and distorts the political balance rules. In such an instance such a proposal can only be accepted if no member votes against them.

Summary of human resources implications

8. There are no human resources implications associated with this report.

Summary of sustainability impact

9. There are no sustainability implications associated with this report.

Summary of public health implications

10. There are no public health implications associated with this report

Summary of equality implications

11. There are no equality implications associated with this report. It would be a matter for the political groups to consider any equality issues through their own appointment process.

Summary of risk assessment

12. There are no risk implications associated with this report.

Background papers

None

Appendices

There are no appendices to this report.

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