



## Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole Shadow Authority

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| Report Subject    | <b>Political Balance of the Shadow Authority and Nominations</b>   |
| Meeting date      | 6 June 2018  |
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| Status            | Public   |
| Classification    | For decision   |
| Executive summary | <p>The Shadow Authority is asked to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• approve the political balance and the proposed allocation of seats.</li><li>• confirm the nominations for the Executive Committee as nominated by Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole constituent authorities.</li><li>• approve the nominations for the following bodies:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Overview and Scrutiny Committee</li><li>○ Standards Committee</li><li>○ Senior Appointments Committee</li></ul></li></ul> |
| Recommendations   | <p><b>That the Shadow Authority:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>a. approves the political balance of the Shadow Authority as set out in this Report.</b></li><li><b>b. approves the allocation of seats for Committees as set out in this Report.</b></li><li><b>c. confirms the nominations for the Executive Committee, as nominated by Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole constituent authorities detailed in paragraph 3.</b></li></ol>   |

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|                            | <b>d. Appoints members to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee, Standards Committee and Senior Appointments Committee further to the report to be tabled at the meeting.</b>  |
| Reason for Recommendations | To ensure compliance with the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 and associated Regulations in approving the political balance of the Shadow Authority and the allocation of seats together with any other associated issues. |

### Background detail

1. The Local Government and Housing Act 1989 and associated Regulations set out the methodology and key principles to be applied when an authority appoints members to committees. In summary this ensures that committees reflect the political balance of the authority. The authority must approve its political balance before appointing to committees. The political balance calculation is based upon membership of political groups as defined by the Regulations. The percentage is calculated on the basis of total group membership as a percentage of the total number of seats in the authority. Currently the balance of the shadow authority is as follows:

| <b>Group</b>                                 | <b>No. of Seats</b> | <b>% of total of Seats</b> |
|--|---------------------|----------------------------|
| <b>Conservatives</b>                         | <b>88</b>           | <b>70.4</b>                |
| <b>Liberal Democrats</b>                     | <b>8</b>            | <b>6.4</b>                 |
| <b>Poole People, Green &amp; Independent</b> | <b>6</b>            | <b>4.8</b>                 |

Note – There are 23 Councillors (including twin hatters) who are not aligned to political groups on the shadow authority – this would equate to 0.8% for each individual Councillor.

2. Set out below is the proposed allocation of seats to the political groups. The following principles are contained within Section 15 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989, and applied in order:
  - 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 Committees taken together be as near as possible 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.

| <b>Group</b>                                 | <b>Overview &amp; Scrutiny Committee (15)</b> | <b>Standards Committee (5)</b> | <b>Senior Appointments Committee (7)</b> |
|--|---|--------------------------------|--|
| <b>Conservatives</b>                         | <b>11</b>                                     | <b>4</b>                       | <b>5</b>                                 |
| <b>Liberal Democrats</b>                     | <b>1</b>                                      | <b>0</b>                       | <b>1</b>                                 |
| <b>Poole People, Green &amp; Independent</b> | <b>1</b>                                      | <b>0</b>                       | <b>0</b>                                 |

Note – In light of those Councillors not aligned to a political group there are 2 seats on the Overview and Scrutiny Committee, 1 seat on the Standards Committee and 1 seat on the Senior Appointments Committee that require allocation. It is proposed that these seats be allocated to members of the Authority who are not members of a political group and that the Authority consider nominations from this pool of members.

### **Nominations for the Executive Committee**

3. The Shadow Authority is advised of the following for the Executive Committee as nominated by Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole constituent authorities:

| <b>Councillor</b>       | <b>Authority</b>    |
|-------------------------|---------------------|
| <b>John Beesley</b>     | <b>Bournemouth</b>  |
| <b>Philip Broadhead</b> | <b>Bournemouth</b>  |
| <b>John Challinor</b>   | <b>Poole</b>        |
| <b>Blair Crawford</b>   | <b>Bournemouth</b>  |
| <b>Anne Filer</b>       | <b>Bournemouth</b>  |
| <b>David Flagg</b>      | <b>Christchurch</b> |
| <b>Mike Greene</b>      | <b>Bournemouth</b>  |
| <b>Nicola Greene</b>    | <b>Bournemouth</b>  |
| <b>May Haines</b>       | <b>Poole</b>        |
| <b>Trish Jamieson</b>   | <b>Christchurch</b> |
| <b>Jane Kelly</b>       | <b>Bournemouth</b>  |
| <b>Robert Lawton</b>    | <b>Bournemouth</b>  |
| <b>Ian Potter</b>       | <b>Poole</b>        |
| <b>Karen Rampton</b>    | <b>Poole</b>        |
| <b>Janet Walton</b>     | <b>Poole</b>        |
| <b>Mike White</b>       | <b>Poole</b>        |

## **Nominations for the Overview and Scrutiny Committee, Standards Committee and Senior Appointments Committee**

4. The nominations for Committees based on the political balance of the Shadow Authority will be tabled at the meeting on 6 June 2018. The Group Leaders will propose the nominations for the seats allocated to each Group in accordance with the political balance arrangements as set out above. The remainder of seats will be considered pursuant to nominations proposed at the meeting.

Background papers – none