



Full Council (AGM)	Thursday, 18 May 2023	Matter for Information and Decision
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Report Title:

**Appointment of Council Bodies and
Membership Sizes (2023/24)**

Report Author(s):

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Purpose of Report:	To appoint the Committees, Sub-Committees, Boards, Panels, Forums and Working Groups of the Council ("Council bodies") and the number of Members to serve thereon for the ensuing municipal year 2023/24.
Report Summary:	In accordance with the Council's Constitution, the Council must at its Annual General Meeting (AGM) appoint all the Council bodies it considers appropriate to deal with matters which are not reserved to the Council (as set out in Part 3 of the Constitution) including the fixed number of Members to serve thereon for each municipal year.
Recommendation(s):	A. That the contents of the report and appendix be noted; B. That the Council bodies and the number of Members to serve thereon (as set out at paragraph 2 of this report) for the ensuing municipal year 2023/24 be approved; and C. That delegated authority be given to the Head of Law & Democracy / Monitoring Officer to make all the necessary amendments to the Constitution therefrom accordingly.
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Strategic Objectives:	Not applicable.
Vision and Values:	Not applicable.
Report Implications:	
Legal:	Failure to adhere to the relevant provisions of the Local Government Act 1972, Local Government and Housing Act 1989, Local Government Act 2000 and the relevant Regulations made thereunder ("the Acts and Regulations") and the relevant provisions of the Council's Constitution in relation to the appointment of Council bodies to discharge Council functions may result in the Council acting beyond its powers.
Financial:	There are no implications arising from this report.

Corporate Risk Management:	Political Dynamics (CR3) Regulatory Governance (CR6)
Equalities and Equalities Assessment (EA):	There are no implications arising from this report. EA not applicable.
Human Rights:	There are no implications arising from this report.
Health and Safety:	There are no implications arising from this report.
Statutory Officers' Comments:-	
Head of Paid Service:	The report is satisfactory.
Chief Finance Officer:	The report is satisfactory.
Deputy/Monitoring Officer:	As the author(s), the report is satisfactory.
Consultees:	Councillor S Z Haq (Leader of the Council)
Background Papers:	None.
Appendices:	1. Proposed Committee & Governance Structure (2023/24)

1. Background

1.1 In accordance with the Acts and Regulations and the Council's Constitution, the Council must at its Annual General Meeting (AGM) appoint all the Council bodies it considers appropriate to deal with matters which are not reserved to the Full Council (as set out in Part 3 of the Constitution) including the number of Members to serve thereon for each municipal year.

2. Council Bodies and Membership Sizes for 2023/24

2.1 Directly Appointed Council Bodies

2.1.1 The proposed Council bodies which are directly appointed by the Council (as defined in Article 6 and set out in Part 3, Sections 3 and 5 of the Council's Constitution) are:

- Full Council (26 Members)
 - Capital Projects Sub-Committee (5 Members)
- Audit Committee (7 Members + 1 Independent Person)
- Appeals Panel (3 Members)^{FC}
- Appointments Committee (Chief Officers) (5 Members)^{FXD}
- Development Control Committee (14 Members)
- Investigatory Committee (Chief Officers) (3 Members)^{FC}
- Constitutional Working Group (7 Members)
- Independent Remuneration Panel (3 Independent Members)
- Policy, Finance & Development Committee (14 Members)
 - Assessment Sub-Committee (3 Members)^{PFDC}
 - Determination Sub-Committee (3 Members)^{PFDC}

- Review Sub-Committee (3 Members)^{PFDC}
 - Place Shaping Working Group (10 Members)
- Service Delivery Committee (15 Members)
 - Armed Forces Working Group (4 Members)
 - Environment Working Group (4 Members)
- Licensing & Regulatory Committee (10 Members)
 - Licensing Sub-Committee (3 Members)^{LRC}
 - Taxi and Private Hire Sub-Committee (3 Members)^{LRC}

Key

- Committee
 - Sub-Committee
 - Working Group
- FC Members appointed ad-hoc from Full Council
- FXD Fixed Office Holders and Committee Chairs (or appointed nominees)
- LRC Members appointed ad-hoc from Licensing & Regulatory Committee (including substitutes)
- PFDC Members appointed ad-hoc from Policy, Finance & Development Committee

2.2 Directly Facilitated Council Bodies

2.2.1 The proposed Council bodies which are directly facilitated by the Council (as defined in and set out in Article 7 of the Council's Constitution) are:

- Oadby Residents' Forum (11 Members)*
- Wigston Residents' Forum (12 Members)*
- South Wigston Residents' Forum (4 Members)*
- Health & Wellbeing Board (6 Members)
- Community Engagement Forum (4 Members)
- Children & Young Peoples' Forum (4 Members)
- Community Safety Partnership (1 Member)

* All Members from the relevant Oadby, Wigston and South Wigston Borough Council Wards and pertaining County Council Divisions.

2.3 The distinction between Council bodies which are directly appointed and directly facilitated by the Council (emphasis added) as defined and/or set out in their respective parts of the Council's Constitution is provided at paragraph 4 of this report for Members' information.

3. Rationales for Changes to Council Bodies' Membership Sizes from 2022/23

3.1 Of the Council bodies listed above, the sizes proposed differ from the numbers appointed in previous years as set out at paragraph 3.2. below. Where the numbers have been reduced, the purpose is to increase the efficiency of the decision-making process of that particular body, and where the numbers have increased, the purpose is to increase the democratic basis of the body by allowing more Members to have an active and formal role on that same.

3.2 The variances, if any, between 2022/23 and 2023/24, and subject to Council approval, are:

Council Bodies (Alphabetical Order)	2022/23	2023/24	+/-
Directly Appointed			
Policy, Finance & Development Committee	17	14	-3
Service Delivery Committee	15	15	N/C
Licensing & Regulatory Committee	14	10	-4
Development Control Committee	10	14	+4
Place Shaping Working Group	10	10	N/C
Audit Committee	7 + 1 IP	7 + 1 IP	N/C
Constitutional Working Group	5	7	+2
Capital Projects Sub-Committee	N/A	5	N/A
Environment Working Group	5	4	-1
Armed Forces Working Group	4	4	N/C
Directly Facilitated			
Health & Wellbeing Board	6	6	N/C
Community Engagement Forum	6	4	-2
Children and Young Peoples' Forum	5	4	-1

N/C = No change
N/A = Not applicable
IP = Independent Person

4. Committee & Governance Structure for 2023/24

- 4.1 A diagram of the Council's Committee & Governance Structure for 2023/2024 comprising of the Council bodies directly appointed by the Council only in being either decision-making bodies discharging Council functions or working groups which report and/or act in a formal advisory capacity to such decision-making bodies is set out at **Appendix 1** to this report.
- 4.2 Council bodies directly facilitated by the Council in being non-decision making bodies acting in an informal advisory capacity and whose membership extends to the public, other organisations and stakeholders (i.e. to exchange wider views and ideas that may influence the Council's policies and its decision making-process, or jointly-undertake work to achieve common strategic objectives) are not included in this diagram so as not to conflate the important differentiation as maintained in the Council's Constitution in governance terms.