



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

**Appointment of Office Holders and Members to
Council and Outside Bodies (2023/24)**

Report Author(s):

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Purpose of Report:	To appoint the relevant Office Holders of the Council and the Chairs, Vice-Chairs and Members to serve on the Committees, Sub-Committees, Boards, Panels, Forums and Working Groups of the Council ("Council bodies") for the ensuing municipal year 2023/24.
Report Summary:	The current political balance of the Council and the proportionality arrangements as a result thereof in terms of minimum eligible Member representation and allocation of seats on Council bodies is reflected in the number of appointments to be made by political group.
Recommendation(s):	<p>A. That the nominated appointments of the Office Holders and the Chairs, Vice-Chairs and Members to serve on the Council bodies for the ensuing municipal year 2023/24 (as set out at Appendix 1 to this report) be approved; and</p> <p>B. That the current political balance of the Council and the proportionality arrangements as a result thereof in terms of eligible Member representation and allocation of seats on Council bodies by political group (as set out at Appendices 2 and 3 to this report) be noted.</p>
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Strategic Objectives:	Not applicable.
Vision and Values:	Not applicable.
Report Implications:	
Legal:	<p>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 accordingly may result in the Council acting beyond its powers.</p> <p>The implications specifically in relation to the Local Government (Committees and Political Groups) (Amendment) Regulations 1990</p>

	and 1991 made under sections 15 to 17 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 are set out at paragraphs 4.1 to 4.5 of this report.
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 (Liberal Democrat Group Leader) Councillor L M Broadley (Liberal Democrat Group Chair/Secretary) Councillor P Joshi (Conservative Group Leader) Councillor H E Darling (Conservative Group Deputy Leader)
Background Papers:	None.
Appendices:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Office Holders, Council and Outside Bodies' Nominations (2023/24) 2. Minimum Eligible Representation by Political Group (2023/24) 3. Minimum Allocation of Seats to Political Groups (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) resolve upon nominations for the appointment of certain Office Holders of the Council and the Chairs, Vice-Chairs and Members to serve on the Council Bodies and Outside Bodies as may be appointed for each municipal year.
- 1.2 The Council, as of May 2023, comprises of 26 elected Members, and the final nominated appointees from each respective political group to hold Offices and/or serve on Council and Outside Bodies is set out in **Appendix 1**. The nominations have been received following consultation with each of Council's political party groups' leaders, chairs and/or secretaries.

2. Office Holders

The Office Holders of the Council are:

- Mayor
- Deputy Mayor
- Leader of the Council
- Deputy Leader of the Council

- Leader of the Opposition
- Deputy Leader of the Opposition

3. Council Bodies and Outside Bodies

3.1 All Council bodies which have been appointed by the Council are those which have been resolved and so appointed at the previous agenda item 10 on the AGM's agenda.

3.2 Other outside bodies to which the Council formally appoints representatives are:

- East Midlands Council (EMC) (1 Member)
- Leicester, Leicestershire & Rutland Police and Crime Panel (LLRPCP) (1 Member)
- Leicestershire Safer Communities Strategy Board (LSCSB) (1 Member)
- Local Government Association (LGA) (1 Member)
- Local Government Information Unit (LGUI) (1 Member)
- Oadby & Wigston Environmental Forum (OWEF) (1 Member)
- Oadby Education Foundation (2 Members)
- Oadby Village Hall Fund (OVHF) (2 Members)
- Parking and Traffic Regulations Outside London (PATROL) Adjudication Joint Committee (1 Member)
- Plastic Free Oadby Steering Group (PFOSG) (1 Member)
- University of Leicester Botanic Garden Oversight Board (UOLBGOB) (1 Member)

4. Political Balance Requirements

4.1 The requirements as to political proportionality in allocating and reviewing the membership of Council decision-making bodies are embodied in the Local Government (Committees and Political Groups) Regulations 1990, Local Government (Committees and Political Groups) (Amendment) Regulations 1991 ("the Regulations") made under sections 15, 16 and 17 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 ("the 1989 Act").

4.2 It is a statutory requirement that, where a relevant authority, or committee of a relevant authority, has a membership divided into different political groups then, subject to some limited exceptions, the allocation of seats on the decision-making bodies of the Council must be proportional to the numbers of elected Members of the authority as a whole and its overall composition by its different political groups.

4.3 The Monitoring Officer has a statutory responsibility for ensuring the Council implements proportionality correctly. In implementing proportionality correctly, due consideration must be given to the following four principles as far as is reasonably practicable:

- all the seats are not allocated to the same political group;
- the majority of the seats go to the political group in the majority on the Council;
- subject to the above two principles, the total number of seats on the decision-making bodies of the Council are allocated to each political group in the same proportion as the group's representation on the Council; and
- subject to the above three principles, the number of seats on each body are allocated to each political group in the same proportion as the group's representation on the Council.

- 4.4 Different provision(s) can be made by arrangements proposed and resolved by the Council, provided that the minimum requirements in relation to political balance in allocating and reviewing the membership of Council decision-making bodies are met.
- 4.5 The current political balance of the Council, and minimum proportionality arrangements as a result thereof, in terms of eligible Member representation and allocation of seats on Council bodies is reflected in the figurework as set out at **Appendix 2** and **Appendix 3**.