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APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR 2023/24

Report by the Director of Democratic & Regulatory Services

Background

1. Council must appoint a Scrutiny Committee, three Select Committees, an Audit and Governance Committee, Health and Wellbeing Board, Employment Committee, Pensions Committee and Planning Regulatory Committee. Council must determine their size and set membership in accordance with political proportionality.
2. Council must also appoint other committees as the Council considers appropriate to deal with matters which are neither reserved to the Council nor are executive functions.
3. A full list of Council appointed committees and their membership is contained in this report under Appendix A.
4. Appointments of the various committee Chairs and Vice Chairs and to council appointed outside bodies are in a separate report.

Summary

1. The by-election for Swaffham Division held on May 4th following the resignation of former councillor Ed Colman returned a Conservative, Cllr William Nunn. This means there is no change to the existing political balance and the proportional allocation of committee places for the committees listed remains the same as agreed in January 2023 (replicated below in Table 1 for ease of reference).
2. Following the Swaffham Division by-election the overall composition of the County Council is:

55	Conservative Group
12	Labour Group
10	Liberal Democrat Group
03	Green Group
02	Independent Group
01	Non-aligned Member
01	Vacancy
84	Total

3.

Table 1: Committee	Total no. of places	Cons	Lab	Lib Dem	Green	Inde
Planning (Regulatory) Committee	13	8	2	2	1	0
People & Communities Select Committee	13	8	2	2	1	0
Infrastructure & Development Select Committee	13	9	2	1	0	1
Corporate Select Committee	13	9	2	1	1	0
Scrutiny Committee	13	9	1	1	1	1
Health Overview & Scrutiny	8	6	1	1	0	0
Audit & Governance Committee	7	5	1	1	0	0
Pensions Committee	5	3	1	1	0	0
Employment Committee	7	5	1	1	0	0
Number of places allocated to each group based on the political balance	92	62	13	11	4	2

Table 1 - the allocation of committee places based on the political balance of the council.

Recommendation

Full Council is asked to:

1. Approve the appointment of the council's committees for the Municipal year as listed
2. Approve the political allocation of the committee places shown in Table 1.
3. Approve the membership of council committees and joint committees for the Municipal year as shown in Appendix A.

Appendix A - Committee Membership 2023/24

1. Committees in this section are politically proportionate and included in the proportionality report shown in Table 1

1.1 Scrutiny Committee	Total no. of places	Cons	Lab	Lib Dem	Green	Inde
Membership - politically balanced	13	9	1	1	1	1

1.2 Corporate Select Committee	Total no. of places	Cons	Lab	Lib Dem	Green	Inde
Membership - politically balanced	13	9	2	1	1	0

1.3 Infrastructure and Development Select Committee	Total no. of places	Cons	Lab	Lib Dem	Green	Inde
Membership - politically balanced	13	9	2	1	0	1

1.4 People and Communities Select Committee	Total no. of places	Cons	Lab	Lib Dem	Green	Inde
Membership - politically balanced	13	8	2	2	1	0

1.5 Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee	Total no. of places	Cons	Lab	Lib Dem	Green	Inde
Membership - politically balanced Named Substitutes	8	6	1	1	0	0

1.6 Audit & Governance Committee	Total no. of places	Cons	Lab	Lib Dem	Green	Inde
Membership - politically balanced	7	5	1	1	0	0

1.7 Employment Committee	Total no. of places	Cons	Lab	Lib Dem	Green	Inde
Membership - politically balanced	7	5	1	1	0	0

Employment Committee to include Leader and Deputy Leader of the Council and the Leader of the majority opposition group.

1.8 Pensions Committee	Total no. of places	Cons	Lab	Lib Dem	Green	Inde
Membership - politically balanced	5	3	1	1	0	0

1.9 Planning (Regulatory) Committee	Total no. of places	Cons	Lab	Lib Dem	Green	Inde
Membership - politically balanced Named substitutes	13	8	2	2	1	0

2. The following Committees are not included in the political proportionality report.

2.1 Norfolk Police and Crime Panel	Total no. of places	Cons	Lab	Lib Dem	Green	Inde
Membership - politically balanced* Named Substitutes	3	2	0	1	0	0

*The political group allocations to the Police and Crime Panel are calculated with reference to the requirement for the Panel to be politically balanced based upon the overall political balance of Council seats in Norfolk. The 7 district councils each appoint 1 representative and the County Council makes its 3 appointments to ensure that the overall political balance is achieved.

Changes to the County Council group allocations to the Panel can be confirmed once the results of any District Council elections have been analysed and District Council appointments to the Panel made.

2.2 Health and Wellbeing Board	Total no. of places	Cons	Lab	Lib Dem	Green	Inde
Membership	3	3	0	0	0	0

2.3 Local Government Pension Scheme Access Joint Committee	Total no. of places	Cons	Lab	Lib Dem	Green	Inde
Appointee usually Chair of Pensions Committee	1	1	0	0	0	0

2.4 Joint Museums Committee	Total no. of places	Cons	Lab	Lib Dem	Green	Inde
Membership	9	6	1	1	0	1

2.5 Norfolk Records Committee	Total no. of places	Cons	Lab	Lib Dem	Green	Inde
Membership	3	2	1	0	0	0

APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRS AND VICE CHAIRS
OF COMMITTEES AND APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES
FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR 2023/24

Report by the Director of Democratic & Regulatory Services

Background

1. Council has approved the appointment of the council's committees for the Municipal year and the political allocation of the committee places. Council has also noted the membership of the council's committees and joint committees.
2. Council must now appoint Chairs and Vice Chairs for a number of these committees and a list of those nominated will be circulated to Members as soon as possible.
3. Council must also appoint to certain outside bodies and the nominations for these are set out below in the Appendix.

Recommendation

Full Council is asked to:

1. Approve the appointment of the council's committee Chairs and Vice Chairs for the Municipal year.
2. Approve the appointments to outside bodies as listed in the Appendix.

Appendix – Appointments to Outside Bodies 2023/24

1. Appointments to the outside bodies Norfolk Parking Partnership and the Eastern Shires Purchasing Organisation (ESPO) Management Committee and sub-committees will be made in due course by the Leader.
2. Council appointed Outside Bodies

4.1 Eastern Inshore Fisheries Conservation Authority	Total no. of places	Cons	Lab	Lib Dem	Green	Inde
Membership	3	2	0	1	0	0

Conservative

Cllr Chenery of Horsbrugh
Cllr FitzPatrick

Liberal Democrat

Cllr T Adams

4.2 Planning and Traffic Regulation Outside London Joint Committee (PATROL)	Total no. of places	Cons	Lab	Lib Dem	Green	Inde
Membership	1	1	0	0	0	0
Named Substitute						

Conservative

Cllr Plant

Substitute

TBC

4.3 National Bus Lane Adjudication Committee	Total no. of places	Cons	Lab	Lib Dem	Green	Inde
Membership	1	1	0	0	0	0
Named Substitute						

Conservative

Cllr Plant

Substitute

TBC