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| Report for: | Annual Council<br>9 JUNE 2014 | Item number |  |
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| Title: | PROCEDURE FOR AND APPOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEES, SUB COMMITTEES, APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRS - 2014/15 |
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| Report authorised by : | Chief Executive<br><i>N. Walker</i> |
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| Lead Officer: | Clifford Hart, Democratic Services Manager<br>Tel: 0208 489 2920 |
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| Ward(s) affected:<br>N/A | Report for Key/Non Key Decision:<br>N/A |
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1. Describe the issue under consideration

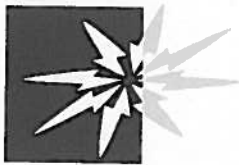
To approve the appointments procedure and to appoint Committees, Sub Committees and appointment of Chairs and once agreed to make such appointments. Each of the recommendations below will be voted on separately.

2. Cabinet Member Introduction

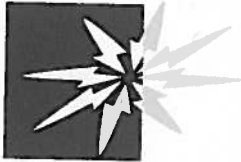
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3. Recommendations

1. That the process for appointing to the Committees, Sub Committees and Chairs be approved on the "slate" basis prescribed.

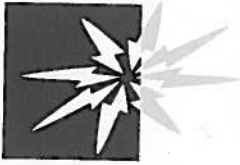


2. That the membership of Committees, Sub Committees and appointment of Chairs be agreed as attached at Appendix 1.
  3. That the change to the constitution as detailed in para 4.6 of the report relating to the Alexandra Palace and Park Panel, and the Alexandra Palace and Park Consultative Committee Membership be agreed and any consequent changes to the constitution to be delegated to the Monitoring Officer.
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4. That the strict proportionality rules do not apply to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee and any panels or sub-committees when considering matters relating to Education issues as detailed in paras 5.1 to 5.3 be agreed.
4. Background information
    - 4.1 The Annual Meeting appoints Committees of the Council in accordance with Article 4.02 of the Constitution. Wherever possible bodies have been constituted in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 and the Local Government (Committees and Political Groups) Regulations 1990 in terms of political balance. The proportionality split is as follows: Labour Councillors (48 members) now constitute 84.21% of the available seats on the Council; Liberal Democrat Councillors (9 members) occupy 15.79%. Where practicable the allocation of seats on Committees should be in line with the proportion of seats on the Council held by the political groups. The rule about proportionate allocation of seats on bodies overall takes precedence over the rule about proportionate allocation on any individual body.
    - 4.2 In calculating the allocation of seats on Committees, the following bodies were excluded because they are excluded from the statutory rules on political balance:
      - the Cabinet and its subordinate bodies
      - the disciplinary pool
      - Licensing Sub-Committees
      - other Committees where membership is determined on the basis of electoral ward represented (eg. Area Committees)
      - Health and Well Being Board
    - 4.3 The number of seats currently available on ordinary Committees is 47. Of this number 39 or 83 % are allocated to the Labour Group and 8 or 17 % to the Liberal Democrat Group.



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- 4.4. In view of the volume of appointments to be made it is expedient to approve the appointments on a "slate" basis rather than on an individual basis.
- 4.5 Changes to appointments can be made at any stage during the Municipal Year with the changes being reported to the Council as appropriate.
- 4.6 The proposed appointments to Committees and Sub Committees and appointments of Chairs are as detailed in the attached Appendix. It should be noted that in Part Three, Section C (Section 4 (1)& (2) ) of the Constitution in respect of the Alexandra Palace and Park – the Alexandra Palace and Park Panel Membership currently shows a membership of '4' members, and the Alexandra Palace and Park Consultative Committee currently shows '7' Members. In view of the change to the Membership of the Board reducing from 7 to 6 Members these figures will now need to read '3' and '6', and the constitution be amended accordingly.
5. Proportionality on Overview and Scrutiny Committee in relation to Education matters
  - 5.1 The proposed Overview and Scrutiny Committee membership comprises 5 members (4 Labour and 1 Liberal Democrat). In addition there are also 5 co-opted education members who may vote on education matters at Overview and Scrutiny Committee . The relevant legislation provides that the Council must have at least one Catholic and one Church of England co-opted member and at least 2 parent governor co-opted members. The current co-opted membership has 3 parent governors.
  - 5.2 Under the political proportionality rules set out in section 15 Local Government and Housing Act 1989 the majority group should have a majority on any Committee. The legislation also states that one takes into account voting co-opted members when assessing what a majority amounts to. On this basis the Labour Group should have 6 of the 10 seats on OSC as the OSC deals with Educational matters.
  - 5.3 Section 17 of the Act provides that a Council may vary from the proportionality rules provided a member of the Council does not object. It is therefore proposed that the OSC is set up so as set out in paragraph 5.1 above so that it is not technically compliant with the political proportionality rules when it deals with Educational matters and therefore it is proposed to vary proportionality rules in this respect.
5. Comments of the Assistant Director Corporate Governance and Monitoring Officer, and Legal Implications



- 6.1 The legal and constitutional implications are set out in the body of the report.
  7. Comments of the Chief Financial Officer and Financial Implications
  - 7.1 The Chief Financial Officer confirms that there are no financial implications arising from the recommendations outlined in this report that need reporting. All positions attracting a special responsibility allowance are listed in Part 6 of the Council's Constitution.
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8. Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985

Background papers

Local Government and Housing Act 1989.  
Local Government (Committees and Political Groups) Regulations 1990  
Local Government Act 2000.  
Report to Annual Council on Committee Appointments

The background papers are located at River Park House, 225 High Road, Wood Green, London N22 8HQ.

To inspect them or to discuss this report further, please contact Clifford Hart on 0208 489 2920.

9. Equalities and Community Cohesion Comments
- 9.1 The Council has a public sector equality duty under S149 of the Equality Act 2010 to have due regard to need to:
  - tackle discrimination and victimisation of persons that share the characteristics protected under S4 of the Act. These include the characteristics of age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex (formerly gender) and sexual orientation;
  - advance equality of opportunity between people who share those protected characteristics and people who do not;
  - foster good relations between people who those characteristics and people who do not.
- 9.2 Policy and Equalities Team have been consulted in the preparation of this report and they comment that the proposals outlined in this report carry no apparent implications for the any aspect of duty outlined above.