

Annual Council Meeting on 21 May 2007

Report title: PROCEDURE FOR AND APPOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEES, SUB COMMITTEES AND APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRS	
Report of: The Chief Executive	
Wards Affected: All	
1 Purpose	To approve the appointments process 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. Recommendations	<ol style="list-style-type: none">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.
Report authorised by: Chief Executive	
Contact Officer: Ken Pryor Tel: 020 8489 2915 Deputy Head of Local Democracy and Member Services	
3.1 Executive summary	This report sets out proposed appointments to the Committees, Sub Committees and appointment of Chairs for 2007/08.

3.2 Reasons for any change in policy or for new policy development

Appointments need to be made at the start of each Municipal Year

4. Background Papers

1. The following papers have been used in the preparation of this report and can be inspected at the Civic Centre, High Road Wood Green, London, N22 8LE by contacting Ken Pryor on 020 8489 2915.
2. Local Government and Housing Act 1989.
3. Local Government Act 2000.

BACKGROUND

- 4.1 The Annual Meeting appoints Committees of the Council. Wherever possible bodies have been constituted in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 in terms of political balance. Labour Councillors constitute 52.63% of the available seats on the Council; the Liberal Democrats occupy the remaining 47.37% of the seats. 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.
- 4.2 In calculating the allocation of seats on Committees, the following bodies were excluded:
- the Cabinet and its subordinate bodies
 - the disciplinary pool
 - Licensing Committee
 - the Standards Committee and
 - other Committees where membership is determined on the basis of electoral ward represented (eg. Area Assemblies)

On this basis a total of 64 seats were available on Committees and Sub-Committees, 34 or 53.125% were allocated to the Labour Group and 30 or 46.875% to the Liberal Democrat Group. 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.

- 4.3 Changes to appointments can be made at any stage during the Municipal Year with the changes being reported to the Council as appropriate.
- 4.4 The proposed appointments to Committees and Sub Committees and appointments of Chairs are as detailed in the attached Appendix.
- 4.5 Members might wish to note the following changes to the Committee structure:

Planning and Pensions are both now full Committees. However the number of members and political balance have not changed.