

COMPOSITION OF THE COUNCIL'S COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS

COUNCIL MEETING DATE 24 May 2017 (AGM)	CLASSIFICATION: Open If exempt, the reason will be listed in the main body of this report.
WARD(S) AFFECTED All Wards	
DIRECTOR Tim Shields, Chief Executive	

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 This report requests the Council to approve the membership of its Committees and Overview and Scrutiny Commissions for the municipal year 2017/2018, as set out in paragraph 3. A schedule of the membership will be tabled at the meeting as an appendix to this report when details are available.
- 1.2 The terms of reference of all Council Committees and Commissions are as set out in Part 3 of the Council's Constitution. This report also requests Council to approve the membership of those bodies in accordance with the details set out in paragraph 3 and in, a schedule to be tabled at the Annual Meeting when details of all nominees are available.

2. RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 It is recommended that Full Council:
- i) Approves the membership of Committees, Commissions and other bodies with the Membership as set in the report and as laid round at the meeting.

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 The allocation of seats on appropriate Council Committees to achieve a political balance where required by law will be based on the following formula:

Labour	50	88%
Conservative	4	7%
Liberal Democrats	3	5%

- 3.2 Those Council Committees to which the political balance rules apply are as follows with the total number of seats available on those Committees, excluding co-optees, in brackets:

- Audit Committee [7]
- Children and Young People Scrutiny Commission [12]
- Working in Hackney Scrutiny Commission [8]
- Health in Hackney Scrutiny Commission [8]
- Living in Hackney Scrutiny Commission [8]
- Scrutiny Panel [10]
- Appointments Committee [5]
- Corporate Committee [15]
 - Planning Sub [9]
- Licensing Committee [15]
 - Licensing Subs [3]
- Standards Committee [9]
- Pensions Committee [7]

3.3 Applying the agreed formula provides the following allocation

Committee/Commission	Lab	Con	Lib Dem
Audit Committee	6	1	0
Children and Young People Scrutiny Commission	10	1	1
Working in Hackney Scrutiny Commission	7	1	0
Health in Hackney Scrutiny Commission	7	1	0
Living in Hackney Scrutiny Commission	7	1	0
Scrutiny Panel – drawn from the Chairs and Vice Chairs of the Commissions plus 1 minority group member	9	1	0
Appointments Committee	5	0	0
Corporate Committee	13	1	1
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Planning Sub Committee [to be drawn from the membership of the Corporate Committee] 	7	1	1
Licensing Committee	13	1	1
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Five 3 Member Licensing Sub Committees will be drawn from the membership of the Licensing Committee to reflect the overall political proportionality of that Committee 			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Licensing Sub A 	2	1	0
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Licensing Sub B 	2	0	1
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Licensing Sub C 	3	0	0
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Licensing Sub D 	3	0	0
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Licensing Sub E 	3	0	0
Pensions Committee	6	0	1
Standards Committee*	7	1	1

- 3.4 The political balance rules do not apply to the Health and Wellbeing Board which has a core membership prescribed by the Health and Social Care Act 2012.
- 3.5 The political balance rules do not apply to the Council Joint Committee which has its own Constitution and which is a joint advisory group with the trade unions.
- 3.6 The political balance rules also do not apply to the Ward Forums, which are led by the elected Councillors in each ward. Forums have been established for all 21 wards in the borough to represent and promote the needs of the ward within the Council.
- 3.7 Council has also previously agreed that the Standards Committee shall be exempt from the political balance requirements in order to provide for a place for each of the Minority Groups on the Standards Committee as set out above.

3.8 Whilst the Minority Groups do not have a seat on the Appointments Committee due to its small size: the principal function of that Committee is to agree to the establishment of any Sub Committee necessary to interview and appoint to a Group Director-level post, and again custom and practise have always dictated that both Minority Groups are offered seats on any such Sub Committee which is established for that purpose.

3.9 Details of the proposed membership of all Council Committees and Commissions will be set out in the schedule to this report, which will be tabled at the meeting when details of all nominees are available.

4. COMMENTS OF THE GROUP DIRECTOR, FINANCE AND CORPORATE RESOURCES

4.1 There are no additional budgetary implications arising from the changes outlined in this report.

5. COMMENTS OF THE DIRECTOR, LEGAL

5.1 This report asks full Council to approve the changes to the Committees and Commissions to perform statutory and other functions on behalf of Full Council following the election of a new Mayor.

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BACKGROUND PAPERS

None.

Appendix 1 – Schedule of appointments to committees and commissions to be tabled at the meeting.

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