

Report to Council

Subject: Appointments to Scrutiny Committee, Standing Ordinary Committees and Sub-Committees of the Council.

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1. Purpose of the Report

To make appointments to the committees of the Council for the 2013-14 municipal year.

2. Background

In determining the membership of committees, account must be taken of the requirements of the Local Government (Committees and Political Groups) Regulations 1990 and 1991 made under sections 15 and 16 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989. These regulations require that seats on committees and sub-committees are allocated to the political groups in a way which reflects the overall political balance of the Council.

Following the Kingswell ward by election, held on 2 May 2013, the political make-up of the Council remains:

Labour	31
Conservative	15
Liberal Democrat	4

The majority group have given notice of their intention to disestablish both the Policy Review Scrutiny and Performance Review Scrutiny Committees, leaving a strengthened Overview and Scrutiny Committee to fulfil the scrutiny function. The Overview and Scrutiny Committee will consist of 13 members, appointed on a basis proportionate to party membership on the Council.

There will therefore be a total of 89 committee seats to be allocated for the 2013/14 municipal year. The allocation of seats on the committees and sub-committees of the Council is, therefore, as follows:

Committee	Total	Lab	Con	LD
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	Seats			
Planning	20	12	6	2
Environment And Licensing	14	9	4	1
Licensing Act Committee	14	9	4	1
Appeals & Retirements	7	5	2	0
Joint Consultative and Safety Committee	7	4	3	0
Audit Committee	7	4	2	1
Overview & Scrutiny Committee	13	8	4	1
Appointments and Conditions of Service	7	4	2	1

Not being subject to the above regulations, the Standards Committee will be appointed to as follows:

Standards Committee	6	2	2	2
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In anticipation of the changes to scrutiny arrangements, nominations to committees have been sought from Group Leaders on this basis.

Nominations have been received and are attached at Appendix 1.

3. Recommendation

To appoint Chairs, Vice Chairs and Members of the Council's Standing Ordinary Committees, Sub-Committees and Scrutiny Committee as set out in Appendix 1.

4. Appendices

Appendix 1- Committee Membership 2013/14