

BABERGH DISTRICT COUNCIL

FROM: Director of Corporate Services

REPORT NUMBER

L5

TO: COUNCIL

DATE OF MEETING

19 May 2011

POLITICAL BALANCE AND COMPOSITION OF COMMITTEES

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

Under the provisions of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989, a Local Authority is under a duty to review the allocation of seats to Political Groups at every annual meeting or as soon as practicable after that meeting. In addition, the composition of Committees must be approved at Annual Council each year.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 That the Committees' size and numerical allocation of seats be approved as detailed in Appendix 1 to this report.
- 2.2 That the ungrouped member Mr C W Arthey be appointed to serve on the Development Committee.
- 2.3 That Committee seats be allocated as set out in Appendix 2 to this report.

3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 None.

4. RISK MANAGEMENT

- 4.1 This report is most closely linked with the Council's Significant Business Risk No.1 – Political and Management Leadership. Key risks are set out below.

Risk Description	Likelihood	Impact	Mitigation Measures
Members not appointed and Committee not quorate	Very low	Critical	Discussions already held with Group Leaders and programme for appointments agreed.

5. CONSULTATIONS

- 5.1 Consultations have been undertaken with Group Leaders and other relevant Members.

6. **EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY IMPACT**

6.1 There are no equality and diversity implications.

7. **SHARED SERVICE/PARTNERSHIP IMPLICATIONS**

7.1 There are no shared service implications.

8. **KEY INFORMATION**

8.1 Under the provisions of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 where a local authority is grouped for Committee composition purposes, the Authority is required to make arrangements to ensure that its Committees share the same political balance as the full Council. (There is only one exception to this that applies in the case of the Standards Committee).

8.2 The Co-opted Members and Parish Council Representatives for the Standards Committee have already been appointed.

8.3 The first step, therefore, is for the Council to approve the numerical allocation of Committee seats, and the calculation in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 is shown in Appendix 1 to this report. It will be noted from Appendix 1 that the precise figure to two decimal places is given in brackets. The calculation provides for 55 Committee seats to the various groups as follows:-

Conservative	-	23 seats
Liberal Democrat	-	15 seats
Independent	-	12 seats
Labour	-	4 seats
Others	-	1 seat

9. **APPENDICES**

Title	Location
Appendix 1 – size of Committee and numerical allocation.	Attached
Appendix 2 – composition of Committees.	Attached

10. **BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS**

None.

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APPENDIX 1

COMMITTEES	NO. OF SEATS	INDEPENDENT (9 MEMBERS)		CONSERVATIVE (18 MEMBERS)		LIB/DEM (12 MEMBERS)		LABOUR (3 MEMBERS)		OTHERS (1 MEMBER)	
STRATEGY	10	(2.09)	2	(4.19)	4	(2.79)	3	(0.70)	1	(0.23)	0
OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY (STEWARDSHIP)	9	(1.88)	2	(3.77)	4	(2.51)	3	(0.63)	0	(0.21)	0
OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY (COMMUNITY SERVICES)	9	(1.88)	2	(3.77)	4	(2.51)	2	(0.63)	1	(0.21)	0
DEVELOPMENT	15	(3.14)	3	(6.28)	6	(4.19)	4	(1.05)	1	(0.35)	1
LICENSING AND APPEALS	12	(2.51)	3	(5.02)	5	(3.35)	3	(0.84)	1	(0.27)	0
TOTAL TARGET	55	(11.50)	12	(23.03)	23	(15.35)	15	(3.85)	4	(1.27)	1

COMPOSITION OF COMMITTEES

STRATEGY COMMITTEE (10)

Member	Member
J Antill	J A Jenkins
A C Bavington	A K Pollard
N A Bennett	N A Ridley
S Carpendale	S M Wigglesworth
A J Hinton	L H Young

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY (STEWARDSHIP) COMMITTEE (9)

Member	Member
S Barrett	D Kendall
D M Busby	J Nunn
J R B Cave	B Riley
D G Grutchfield	C A Roberts
R E Kemp	

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY (COMMUNITY SERVICES) COMMITTEE (9)

Member	Member
P Burgoyne	A M Norman
B D Hurren	J Owen
F Lawrenson	J R A Sayers
J A B Long	D L Wood
M Newman	

DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE (15)

Member	Member
C W Arthey	N MacMaster
P K Beer	M O Munson
M R M Bamford	A F D W Osborne
M J Deacon	D C Rose
K Grandon-White	R C Smith
P J Holbrook	R W Thake
P Jones	A J Ward
D H Keane	

LICENSING AND APPEALS COMMITTEE (12)

Member	Member
J R B Cave	B Riley
M J Deacon	J R A Sayers
D G Grutchfield	R C Smith
P J Holbrook	R W Thake
P Jones	A J Ward
J M Owen	L H Young

STANDARDS COMMITTEE

Co-opted Members

P Jones
R E Kemp
A F D W Osborne
One Vacancy

P F Cook (until 28.02.2014)
P J Down (until 30.06.2012)
R L Feltwell (until 25.03.2012)
A George (until 14.12.2013)
T Kavvadias (until 14.05.2012)
J G Watson (until 30.09.2011)