

Report of:	Meeting	Date
Councillor David Henderson, Leader of the Council and Garry Payne, Chief Executive	Council	6 December 2018

Appointments to Committees

1. Purpose of report

- 1.1 To enable changes to be made to the membership of committees for the remainder of the 2018/19 Municipal Year.

2. Outcomes

- 2.1 Effective arrangements to carry out the Council's non-executive decision making and advisory functions.

3. Recommendations

- 3.1 That a Conservative Councillor (Cllr Jones) be removed from the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.
- 3.2 That a Conservative Councillor (Cllr Greenhough) be removed from the Planning Committee.
- 3.3 That a Conservative Councillor (Cllr Pimbley) be removed from the Licensing Committee.
- 3.4 That a Labour Councillor be removed from the Audit Committee.
- 3.5 That a Conservative Councillor (Cllr Wilson) be removed from the Employment and Appeals Committee.
- 3.6 That, Cllr Gibson, be appointed to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee, the Planning Committee, the Licensing Committee and the Audit Committee and that Cllr R Duffy be appointed to the Employment and Appeals Committee for the remainder of the 2018/19 Municipal Year, as nominees of the Independent Group.

4. Background

4.1 Section 15 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 requires that the allocation of places on non-executive Committees of the Council must be allocated on the following criteria:

- (a) that all seats on a body are not allocated to the same Political Group;
- (b) that the majority of seats on a body is allocated to a particular Political Group, if the number of persons belonging to that Group is the majority of the Authority's membership;
- (c) subject to paragraphs (a) and (b) above, that the number of seats on the ordinary Committees of a relevant Authority which are allocated to each Political Group bears the same proportion to the total of all the seats on the ordinary Committees of that Authority;
- (d) subject to paragraphs (a) - (c) above, that the number of seats on a body which are allocated to each Political Group bears the same proportion to the number of all seats on that body as is borne by the number of members of that Group in membership of the Authority.

4.2 On 16 November 2018 the Chief Executive was formally notified, in accordance with Paragraph 8 of the Local Government (Committees and Political Groups) Regulations 1990, that Councillors R Duffy, I Duffy and Gibson had formed a political group, to be known as the Wyre Independent Group and that the Leader of the Group was Cllr Gibson. The newly formed Independent Group are therefore entitled to places on committees on the basis of the political balance calculations specified in the 1989 Act.

5. Key issues and proposals

5.1 The political composition of the Council is now:

Conservative Group	36 Members	72%
Labour Group	11 Members	22%
Independent Group	3 Members	6%
Total	50 Members	100%

5.2 There are a total of 80 seats available on the Committees appointed by the Council. The application of the calculations in paragraph 4.1 leads to an overall allocation of 58 seats to the Conservative Group, 17 seats to the Labour Group and 5 seats to the Independent Group.

5.3 In order to meet, as closely as possible, the proportionality requirements on each committee (as set out in Section 15(d) of the 1989 Act), as well as the proportion of the total seats on all committees (set out in Section 15(c) of the 1989 Act), it is proposed that places be allocated on

committees as shown in the table below (current allocations are shown in brackets):

<u>Committee</u>	<u>Seats</u>	<u>Conservative</u>		<u>Labour</u>		<u>Independent</u>	
		<u>Current</u>	<u>Proposed</u>	<u>Current</u>	<u>Proposed</u>	<u>Current</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
Overview & Scrutiny	14	(11)	10	(3)	3	(0)	1
Planning	14	(11)	10	(3)	3	(0)	1
Licensing	14	(11)	10	(3)	3	(0)	1
Audit	14	(10)	10	(4)	3	(0)	1
Employment & Appeals	10	(8)	7	(2)	2	(0)	1
Standards	6	(5)	5	(1)	1	(0)	0
Senior officer appointments	4	(3)	3	(1)	1	(0)	0
Senior officer disciplinary	4	(3)	3	(1)	1	(0)	0
	<u>80</u>	<u>(61)</u>	<u>58</u>	<u>(18)</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>(0)</u>	<u>5</u>

Financial and legal implications	
Finance	None arising directly from this report. However, a Group Leader's Allowance will be payable to Cllr Gibson as the Leader of the Independent Group and this will be reflected in the Revised Estimate process.
Legal	The proposals in this report are in accordance with legal requirements, as referred to in paragraph 4.1 of this report.

Other risks/implications: checklist

If there are significant implications arising from this report on any issues marked with a ✓ below, the report author will have consulted with the appropriate specialist officers on those implications and addressed them in the body of the report. There are no significant implications arising directly from this report, for those issues marked with a x.

risks/implications	✓ / x
community safety	x
equality and diversity	x
sustainability	x
health and safety	x

risks/implications	✓ / x
asset management	x
climate change	x
ICT	x

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List of background papers:		
name of document	date	where available for inspection
None	-	-

List of appendices

None.

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