

NORTH WEST LEICESTERSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

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Title of report	APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES AND GROUPS, ELECTION OF CHAIRMEN AND DEPUTY CHAIRMEN
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Purpose of report	To appoint the committees and groups of the Council and members to serve thereon and also to elect the Chairmen and Deputy Chairmen.
Council priorities	Value for Money.
Implications:	
Financial/Staff	None.
Link to relevant CAT	None.
Risk Management	None.
Equalities Impact Screening	Not applicable.
Human Rights	None.
Transformational Government	Not applicable.
Comments of Head of Paid Service	The report is satisfactory.
Comments of Deputy Section 151 Officer	The report is satisfactory.
Comments of Deputy Monitoring Officer	The report is satisfactory.

Consultees	Political Group Leaders.
Background papers	The Council's Constitution.
Recommendations	<p>(A) TO MAKE THE APPOINTMENTS TO THE COMMITTEES AND GROUPS LISTED IN PARAGRAPH 1.2 OF THE REPORT.</p> <p>(B) THAT CHAIRMEN AND DEPUTY CHAIRMEN BE APPOINTED FOR THE COMMITTEES AND GROUPS LISTED IN PARAGRAPH 3.1 OF THE REPORT.</p>

1.0 APPOINTMENT TO COMMITTEES AND GROUPS

1.1 In accordance with the Constitution Members must, at the Council's Annual Meeting, receive nominations of Councillors to serve on each board or committee and appoint to those boards or committees.

1.2 The committees and groups include:

- Appointments Committee *(4 Members plus appropriate Portfolio Holder)*
- Audit and Governance Committee *(10 Members)*
- Electoral Review Working Party *(5 Members)*
- Employee Joint Consultative Committee *(6 Members)*
- Investigatory Committee *(5 Members)*
- Licensing Committee *(17 Members)*
- Local Plan Advisory Committee *(7 Members)*
- Planning Committee *(17 Members)*
- Policy Development Group *(10 Members)*

2.0 POLITICAL BALANCE REQUIREMENTS

2.1 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 balance on the Council; with some exceptions to any committees/working groups established under the Constitution. The allocation of seats on ordinary committees must be the same proportion as the number of members of the Authority as a whole. The Council has a duty when allocating or reviewing the allocation of seats on committees to give effect so far as is reasonably practicable to the following four principles:-

- (i) all the seats are not allocated to the same political group;
- (ii) the majority of the seats go to the political group in the majority on the full Council;
- (iii) subject to the above two principles, the total number of seats on the ordinary committees of the Authority are allocated to each political group in the same proportion as the group's representation on the full Council; and

- (iv) subject to the above three principles, the number of seats on each committee are allocated to each political group in the same proportion as the group's representation on the Council.

3.0 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMEN AND DEPUTY CHAIRMEN

3.1 Members are asked to appoint the Chairmen and Deputy Chairmen to the following:

- Appointments Committee
- Audit and Governance Committee
- Investigatory Committee
- Licensing Committee
- Planning Committee
- Policy Development Group

4.0 NOMINATIONS

4.1 Nominations for the seats on the above committees and groups will be circulated at the meeting.