

EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING – 25TH SEPTEMBER 2025

AGENDA ITEM NO. 4

APPOINTMENTS 2025/26

SUMMARY

The Local Government and Housing Act 1989 requires the Council to allocate seats on its committees in proportion to each political group's strength on the Council, and to apply certain principles in allocating seats.

Further to recent changes to the [political balance on the Council](#), a review of the seats on committees has been carried out and shared with Group Leaders. Some changes to the membership of committees are proposed in accordance with requirements for political balance, and the revised memberships of the committees are set out in this report for approval.

The calculations are based on the inclusion of the two new committees, as set out in the revised Standing Orders which are proposed for adoption at agenda item 3 of this Council meeting. (Audit and Governance Committee and Licensing and Corporate Business Committee).

In consultation with Group Leaders, it is proposed that each committee in the next cycle of meetings will either reconfirm its current Chair and Vice-Chair or appoint a new Chair or Vice-Chair.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1) To note that a review of the political balance on committees has been carried out and to confirm the revised allocation of seats to political groups as set out in paragraph 1
- 2) To confirm the updated memberships of the committees and bodies as set out in paragraphs 2 and 3
- 3) To note that each committee in the next cycle of meetings will either reconfirm its current Chair and Vice-Chair or appoint a new Chair or Vice-Chair.

1. Summary of committee seats to achieve political balance

The Local Government and Housing Act 1989 requires the Council to allocate seats on its committees in proportion to each political group's strength on the Council. The table below sets out the outcome of the review of the political balance with the numbers of seats allocated to Groups. The calculations include the two new committees included in the revised Standing Orders proposed for adoption at this meeting.

Allocation of seats to Groups:

	Labour	Conservative	Rushmoor Independent Group	Liberal Democrat	Independent
Development Management (11 seats)	4	4	2	0	1
Audit & Governance (11 seats)	5	4	1	1	0
Licensing & Corporate Business (11 seats)	5	4	1	1	0
Policy & Project Advisory Board (11 seats)	5	4	1	1	0
Overview and Scrutiny (11 seats)	4	4	2	1	0
Totals (55 seats)	23	20	7	4	1

2. Membership of Decision-making Committees with new political balance:

Development Management Committee (11)

Labour (4)	Conservative (4)	Rushmoor Independent Group (2)	Independent (1)
Cllr Tom Day	Cllr Peace Essien-Igodifo	Cllr Abe Allen	Cllr Calum Stewart
Cllr Clive Grattan	Cllr A.H. Gani	Cllr Halleh Koohestani	
Cllr Dhan Sarki	Cllr S.J. Masterson		
Cllr Ivan Whitmee	Cllr Jacqui Vosper		
Standing Deputies:			
Cllr Sarah Spall	Cllr G.B. Lyon	Cllr Nadia Martin	
Cllr Alex Crawford	Cllr P.J. Cullum		

The Cabinet Member with responsibility for planning matters is an ex-officio non-voting member of the Development Management Committee

Audit and Governance (11)

Labour (5)	Conservative (4)	Rushmoor Independent Group (1)	Liberal Democrat (1)
Cllr Bill O'Donovan	Cllr Sue Carter	Cllr Becky Williams	Cllr Craig Card
Cllr Ivan Whitmee	Cllr Peter Cullum		
Cllr Alex Crawford	Cllr Paul Taylor		
Cllr Clive Grattan	Cllr Jacqui Vosper		
Cllr Sarah Spall			
Standing Deputies:			
Cllr Rhian Jones	Cllr Steve Masterson	Cllr Halleh Koohestani	Cllr Leola Card
Cllr Tom Day	Cllr Akmal Gani		Cllr Tom Mitchell

Licensing and Corporate Business (11)

Labour (5)	Conservative (4)	Rushmoor Independent Group (1)	Liberal Democrat (1)
Cllr Bill O'Donovan	Cllr Sue Carter	Cllr Jules Crossley	Cllr Craig Card
Cllr Sarah Spall	Cllr Peter Cullum		
Cllr Lisa Greenway	Cllr Jacqui Vosper		
Cllr Rhian Jones	Cllr Paul Taylor		
Cllr Alex Crawford			
Standing Deputies:			
Cllr Clive Grattan	Cllr Steve Masterson	Cllr Abe Allen	Cllr Leola Card
Cllr Mike Roberts			Cllr Tom Mitchell

3. **Membership of Policy and Project Advisory Board and Overview and Scrutiny Committee**

Policy and Project Advisory Board (11)

Labour (5)	Conservative (4)	Rushmoor Independent Group (1)	Liberal Democrat (1)
Cllr Lisa Greenway	Cllr Ade Adeola	Cllr Abe Allen	Cllr Tom Mitchell
Cllr Rhian Jones	Cllr Mara Makunura		
Cllr Mike Roberts	Cllr Steve Masterson		
Cllr Ivan Whitmee	Cllr Steve Harden		
Cllr Dhan Sarki			
Standing Deputies:			
Cllr Alex Crawford	Cllr Gareth Lyon	Cllr Becky Williams	Cllr Craig Card
Cllr Tom Day			Cllr Leola Card

Overview and Scrutiny Committee (11)

Labour (4)	Conservative (4)	Rushmoor Independent Group (2)	Liberal Democrat (1)
Cllr Clive Grattan	Cllr Martin Tennant	Cllr Halleh Koohestani	Cllr Leola Card
Cllr Tom Day	Cllr Steve Harden	Cllr Nadia Martin	
Cllr Bill O'Donovan	Cllr Gareth Lyon		
Cllr Mike Roberts	Cllr Stuart Trussler		
Standing Deputies:			
Cllr Lisa Greenway	Cllr Ade Adeola	Cllr Becky Williams	Cllr Craig Card
Cllr Dhan Sarki	Cllr Mara Makunura		Cllr Tom Mitchell