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## **COUNCIL COMMITTEES UPDATED**

### **1 Background**

- 1.1 The Council must allocate seats on Committees and other prescribed bodies to give effect to the political balance rules. The rules for the allocation of seats are set out in Sections 15 and 16 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 and Local Government Regulations 1990.
- 1.2 Section 15(5) of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 sets out the principles as follows:
  - a) that not all the seats on the body are allocated to the same political group;
  - b) that the majority of the seats on the body is allocated to a particular political group if the number of persons belonging to that group is a 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 as is borne by the number of members of that group to the membership of the authority; and
  - d) subject to paragraphs a) to c) above, that the number of the seats on the body which are allocated to each political group bears the same proportion to the number of all the seats on that body as is borne by the number of members of that group to the membership of the authority.
- 1.3 In order to ensure that the majority group has the majority of members on each committee, it is necessary to increase the membership of the Economic Growth Scrutiny Committee, Appointments Committee and Pension Committee from six to seven members.
- 1.4 The chairs of the Scrutiny Committees and the Audit and Governance Committee are appointed at the Annual Meeting of the Council each year. The chairs of the other committees are appointed at the first meeting following the Annual Meeting.
- 1.5 The number of scrutiny committees has been expanded to include a Fire and Rescue Scrutiny Committee of seven members. This will have a particular remit

around governance ahead of the publication of the Government White Paper on Fire Service Reform.

1.6 The appointment of members to the Police and Crime Panel is also covered in this report.

1.7 This report has been updated to include the nominations for the Chairs of the Scrutiny Committees and the Audit and Governance Committee, membership of committees and nominations for the Gloucestershire County Council membership of the Police and Crime Panel.

## 2 Recommendation 1: committee changes

2.1 To increase the size of the Economic Growth Scrutiny Committee, Appointments Committee and Pension Committee from six to seven members to reflect the requirements of Section 15(5) of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989.

2.2 To establish a new scrutiny committee of seven members for the Fire and Rescue Service.

## 3 Recommendation 2: to appoint Chairs of the Scrutiny Committees and the Audit and Governance Committee

Corporate Overview Scrutiny Committee	Phil Awford (Conservative) John Bloxsom (Labour)
Children and Families Scrutiny Committee	Andrew Miller (Conservative) Ben Evans (Liberal Democrat)
Economic Growth Scrutiny Committee	Matt Babbage (Conservative) Paul Baker (Liberal Democrat)
Environment Scrutiny Committee	Dominic Morris (Conservative) Chris McFarling (Green)
Fire and Rescue Scrutiny Committee	Jeremy Hilton (Liberal Democrat)
Health Scrutiny Committee	Andrew Gravells (Conservative) David Drew (Labour)
Adult Social Care and Communities Scrutiny Committee	Stephen Hirst (Conservative) Lisa Spivey (Liberal Democrat)
Audit and Governance Committee	Colin Hay (Liberal Democrat)

#### 4 Recommendation 3: to determine committee membership

##### A2 Corporate Overview Scrutiny Committee

GCC members	Cons 7	Lib Dem 4	Lab 1	Green 1
13	Awford, Phil	Evans, Ben	Bloxsom, John	Turner, Chloe
	Babbage, Matt	Harris, Joe		
	Gravells, Andrew	Hilton, Jeremy		
	Hale, Terry	Spivey, Lisa		
	Hirst, Stephen			
	Miller, Andrew			
	Morris, Dominic			

The membership of this committee should include chairs of the other scrutiny committees.

##### A3 Scrutiny Committees

###### Children and Families Scrutiny

GCC members	Cons 5	Lib Dem 2	Lab 1	Green 1
9	Chambers, Alastair	Cohen, Linda	Drew, David	Hoyland, Rebekah
	Housden, Nick	Evans, Ben		
	Mackenzie-Charrington, Mark			
	Miller, Andrew			
	Nelson, Emma			

###### Economic Growth Scrutiny

GCC members	Cons 4	Lib Dem 3	Lab	Green
7	Babbage, Matt	Baker, Paul		
	Chambers, Alastair	Halifax, Rebecca		
	Morris, Dominic	Whyborn, Roger		
	Vines, Rob			

###### Environment Scrutiny

GCC members	Cons 5	Lib Dem 3	Lab	Green 1
9	Awford, Phil	Hegenbarth, Alex		McFarling, Chris
	Morris, Dominic	Moseley, Gill		
	Patel, Saj	Whyborn, Roger		
	Preest, Alan			
	Williams, Sue			

**Fire and Rescue Scrutiny Committee**

GCC members	Cons 4	Lib Dem 2	Lab 1	Green
7	Housden, Nick	Fisher, Bernie	Thomas, Wendy	
	Mackenzie-Charrington, Mark	Hilton, Jeremy		
	Tipper, Brian			
	Tracey, Pam			

**Health Scrutiny**

GCC members	Cons 5	Lib Dem 3	Lab 1	Green
9	Gravells, Andrew	Brown, David	Drew, David	
	Fifield, Stephan	Cohen, Linda		
	Hirst, Stephen	Moseley, Gill		
	Preest, Alan			
	Vines, Rob			

**Adult Social Care and Communities Scrutiny**

GCC members	Cons 5	Lib Dem 2	Lab 1	Green 1
9	Chambers, Alastair	Spivey, Lisa	Robinson, Steve	Cody, Cate
	Hale, Terry	Williams, Suzanne		
	Hirst, Stephen			
	Mackenzie-Charrington, Mark			
	Tracey, Pam			

**A4 Audit and Governance Committee**

GCC members	Cons 6	Lib Dem 3	Lab 1	Green 1
11	Babbage, Matt	Hay, Colin	Bloxsom, John	Turner, Chloe
	Fifield, Stephan	Hegenbarth, Alex		
	Hirst, Stephen	Willingham, David		
	Preest, Alan			
	Tipper, Brian			
	Williams, Sue			

**A5 Appeals Committee**

GCC members	Cons 8	Lib Dem 5	Lab 1	Green 1
15	Awford, Phil	Baker, Paul	Robinson, Steve	Hoyland, Rebekah
	Chambers, Alastair	Fisher, Bernie		
	Hale, Terry	Halifax, Rebecca		
	Hirst, Stephen	Spivey, Lisa		
	Housden, Nick	Whyborn, Roger		
	Mackenzie-Charrington, Mark			
	Preest, Alan			
	Vines, Rob			

**A6 Appointments Committee**

GCC members	Cons 4	Lib Dem 2	Lab 1	Green
7	Harman, Tim	Halifax, Rebecca	Thomas, Wendy	
	Hawthorne, Mark	Hodgkinson, Paul		
	Norman, Dave			
	Stowe, Lynden			

At least one member of the Appointments Committee must be a member of the Cabinet.

**A7 Constitution Committee**

GCC members	Cons 5	Lib Dem 3	Lab 1	Green
9	Hawthorne, Mark	Hay, Colin	Bloxsom, John	
	Norman, Dave	Hilton, Jeremy		
	Robinson, Philip	Hodgkinson, Paul		
	Stowe, Lynden			
	Vacancy			

**A8 Planning Committee**

GCC members	Cons 8	Lib Dem 5	Lab 1	Green 1
15	Awford, Phil	Brown, David	Morgan, Graham	McFarling, Chris
	Chambers, Alastair	Baker, Paul		
	Hale, Terry	Cohen, Linda		
	Mackenzie-Charrington, Mark	Fisher, Bernie		
	Morris, Dominic	Moseley Gill		
	Tracey, Pam			
	Vines, Rob			
	Williams, Sue			

**A9 Regulatory Committees****Commons and Rights of Way Committee**

GCC members	Cons 5	Lib Dem 2	Lab 1	Green 1
9	Awford, Phil	Hegenbarth, Alex	Morgan, Graham	Hoyland, Rebekah
	Mackenzie-Charrington, Mark	Willingham, David		
	Morris, Dominic			
	Vines, Rob			
	Williams, Sue			

**Safety and Licensing Committee**

GCC members	Cons 5	Lib Dem 3	Lab	Green 1
9	Chambers, Alastair	Halifax, Rebecca		Vacancy
	Mackenzie-Charrington, Mark	Spivey, Lisa		
	Nelson, Emma	Willingham, David		
	Patel, Saj			
	Vines, Rob			

### Traffic Regulation Committee

GCC members	Cons 5	Lib Dem 2	Lab 1	Green 1
9	Fifield, Stephan	Whyborn, Roger	Robinson, Steve	Turner, Chloe
	Preest, Alan	Williams, Suzanne		
	Tipper, Brian			
	Tracey, Pam			
	Williams, Sue			

### A10 Pension Committee

GCC members	Cons 4	Lib Dem 2	Lab 1	Green
7	Babbage, Matt	Brown, David	Thomas, Wendy	
	Mackenzie-Charrington, Mark	Hay, Colin		
	Preest, Alan			
	Stowe, Lynden			

### 5 Recommendation 4: to appoint four members to the Gloucestershire Police and Crime Panel

The Police and Crime Panel is a joint committee of the County Council and the six District Councils. It comprises four county councillors, one member from each district council and two independent non-elected members. Further top-up members are appointed if required to achieve political balance.

The following nominations have been received from the political groups:

	Cons 2	Lib Dem 1	Lab 1
4	Patel, Sajid	Harris, Joe	Robinson, Steve
	Tipper, Brian		

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