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CITY COUNCIL

Monday 19 June 2023 2pm Council House, Plymouth

Members:

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Tracey Lee Chief Executive

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4. Appointments to Committees, Outside Bodies etc (Pages I - 18)

The Assistant Chief Executive will submit a schedule of vacancies on committees, outside bodies etc and of changes notified to us. The report supporting this item will be published following the election to be held on 15 June 2023.

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Date of meeting:	19 June 2023
Title of Report:	Proportionality and Committee Allocation
Proper Officer:	Emma Jackman, Monitoring Officer
Author:	Ross Jago (Head of Governance, Performance and Risk)
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Your Reference:	AGM2023
Key Decision:	No
Confidentiality:	Part I - Official

Purpose of Report

The purpose of this report is to propose for approval the committee structure, membership of committees in accordance with articles 7 and 8 of the constitution, following a change to the political composition of the Council.

Recommendations and Reasons

Approve the proportionality and appointments to committees as set out in this report.

Reason: For clarity of the committee structure and committee leadership.

Alternative options considered and rejected

None - the committees are essential to democratic decision-making at the Council.

Relevance to the Corporate Plan and/or the Plymouth Plan

Clarity on appointments to committees ensures that key projects and activities can be progressed in line with the Corporate and Plymouth Plans

Implications for the Medium Term Financial Plan and Resource Implications:

There are no additional resource implications of the recommendation of this report.

Carbon Footprint (Environmental) Implications:

Committee appointments ensure that carbon reduction and environmental measures are suitably supported by the democratic process.

Other Implications: e.g. Health and Safety, Risk Management, Child Poverty:

* When considering these proposals members have a responsibility to ensure they give due regard to the Council's duty to promote equality of opportunity, eliminate unlawful discrimination and promote good relations between people who share protected characteristics under the Equalities Act and those who do not.

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COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS AND PROPORTIONALITY JUNE 2023



I. LEGISLATIVE REQUIREMENTS OF PROPORTIONALITY

- 1.1. Section 15 (5) of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 imposes a duty on Councils to review the representation of different political groups on bodies to which the Council makes appointments. The Act requires that the review should be held at the Annual General Meeting or as soon as practicable after that meeting or when the membership of the Council changes.
- 1.2. The Act provides four principles concerning political representation that must be observed when conducting a review. These are:
 - a) that not all the seats on committees are allocated to the same political group;
 - b) that the majority of the seats on each committee are allocated to a particular political group if the number of persons belonging to that group are a majority of the authority's membership;
 - c) subject to (a) and (b), that the number of seats on committees which are allocated to each group bears the same proportion to the total of all the seats on committees of the council as is borne by the number of members of that group to the membership of the authority, and
 - d) Subject to (a) to (c) above, that the number of seats on each committee which are allocated to each political group bears the same proportion to the number of all the seats on that committee as is borne by the number of members of that group to the membership of the authority.
- 1.3. The legislation provides that the Council may make alternative arrangements to the 'proportionality' principles only by a unanimous vote, with no member voting against.
- 1.4. The Committees and Panels to which the provisions of Section 15 of the Act apply, and the recommended allocation of seats on each, applying the principles of the Act as closely as is reasonably practicable, are shown in Section 2 below. The recommended allocation of seats reflects the four proportionality principles so far as reasonably practicable.

2. OVERALL PROPORTIONALITY 2023/2024 - NUMBER OF SEATS ON COUNCIL

Group	May 2023
Labour	31
Conservative	16
Green	2
Independent Group	2
Free Independents (Group)	2
Independent Members (Unaligned)	2
Vacancies	2

* There are 57 members on Plymouth City Council. The Local Government and Housing Act 1989, which sets out how seats should be allocated to members on a Council, describes the distribution of seats between the political Groups into which the Council has divided itself. There is no seat entitlement to members who are not in a Group. The definition of what constitutes a group on a Council is covered in The Local Government (Committees and Political Groups) Regulations 1990 and can be found in the following link <u>https://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/1990/1553/part/III/made</u>

A single representative does not constitute a Group which is defined as a number of persons bound together by common interests. As such, a single Member is not entitled to any Committee seats. This is consistent with practice previously employed by the Council in similar circumstances.

2.1. The application of the legislative principles is set out below:

Local	Government Act 1989 – Principles	Is this principle met?
a.	that not all the seats on committees are allocated to the same political group	Principle Met
b.	that the majority of the seats on each committee are allocated to a particular political group if the number of persons belonging to that group are a majority of the authority's membership;	Principle Met
с.	subject to (a) and (b), that the number of seats on committees which are allocated to each group bears the same proportion to the total of all the seats on committees of the council as is borne by the number of members of that group to the membership of the authority;	Principle met as far as reasonably practicable
d.	Subject to (a) to (c) above, that the number of seats on each committee which are allocated to each political group bears the same proportion to the number of all the seats on that committee as is borne by the number of members of that group to the membership of the authority.	Principle met as far as reasonably practicable

Labour 31 / Conservative 16 / Green 2 / Independent Group 2 / Free Independents 2 Two unaligned Independents / Two Vacancy - Excluded from allocation									Total Seats			
	La	bour	Con	servative	G	ireen	Indepe	ndent Group	Free I	ndependents		
Councillors	31	54.39%	16	28.07%	2	3.51%	2	3.51%	2	3.51%]
Seat Allocation	72	72.33	37	37.33	5	4.67	5	4.67	5	4.67]
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Planning Committee	7	7.07	4	3.65	I	0.46	I	0.46		0.46	13]
Taxi Licensing Committee	5	3.81	2	1.96		0.25		0.25		0.25	7	
Licensing Committee	7	7.07	4	3.65	I	0.46	I	0.46		0.46	13	ag
Chief Officer Appointments Panel	4	3.81	2	1.96		0.25	I	0.25		0.25	7	S S
Chief Officer Disciplinary Panel	4	3.81	2	1.96		0.25		0.25	I	0.25	7	C
Chief Officer Appeals Panel	4	3.81	2	1.96		0.25		0.25	I	0.25	7]
Audit and Governance Committee	3	2.72	2	I.40		0.18		0.18		0.18	5]
Tamar Bridge and Torpoint Ferry JC	3	2.72	2	I.40		0.18		0.18		0.18	5]
Devon and Somerset Fire Authority	3	2.18	I	1.12		0.14		0.14		0.14	4]
Growth and Infrastructure Scrutiny	7	7.07	4	3.65	I	0.46		0.46	I	0.46	13]
Performance Scrutiny	7	7.07	4	3.65	I	0.46		0.46	I	0.46	13]
Children's Scrutiny	7	7.07	4	3.65	I	0.46	I	0.46		0.46	13]
Health & Adult Care Scrutiny	7	7.07	4	3.65		0.46	I	0.46	I	0.46	13]
Standards Advisory Board	4	3.26	2	1.68		0.21		0.21		0.21	6	1
Lord Mayors Selection Committee	5	3.81	2	1.96		0.25		0.25		0.25	7	1
Seats allocated	77	+5	41	+4	5	-	5	-	5	-	133	1

Regulatory Committees

l	3 councillors (proportional)
	even Labour Councillors, Four Conservative Councillors, One Green Councillor, One ndependent Group Councillor
C	Councillor Bill Stevens (Chair)
С	Councillor Tina Tuohy (Vice Chair)
С	Councillor Paul McNamara
С	Councillor Angela Penrose
С	Councillor Zoe Reilly
С	Councillor Ian Tuffin
С	Councillor Sarah Allen
С	Councillor Rebecca Smith
С	Councillor James Stoneman
С	Councillor Kathy Watkin
С	Councillor Ian Darcy
С	Councillor Ian Poyser
С	Councillor Patrick Nicholson
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ive Labour Councillor, Two Conservative Councillors ouncillor Dylan Tippetts (Chair) ouncillor Ian Tuffin (Vice Chair) ouncillor Eddie Rennie ouncillor Keith Moore ouncillor Dr Charlotte Cree
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ouncillor Keith Moore
ouncillor Dr Charlotte Cree
ouncillor Chip Tofan
ouncillor Lee Finn

-	Thirteen councillors (proportional)
	Seven Labour Councillors, Four Conservative Councillors, One Green Councillor, One ndependent Group Councillor.
(Councillor <mark>Eddie Rennie (Chair)</mark>
(Councillor Sarah Allen (Vice Chair)
(Councillor Dr Charlotte Cree
(Councillor Neil Hendy
(Councillor Keith Moore
(Councillor John Stephens
(Councillor Dylan Tippetts
(Councillor Pat Patel
(Councillor John Mahony
(Councillor David Salmon
(Councillor Conservative Vacancy
(Councillor Ian Poyser
(Councillor Patrick Nicholson

Audit and Governance Committee

Five councillors (proportional)

Three Labour Councillors, Two Conservative Councillors

Councillor Sarah Allen (Chair)

Councillor Mark Lowry

Councillor Bill Stevens

Councillor Lee Finn (Vice Chair)

Councillor John Mahony

Any councillor may act as a substitute member if they have undergone the Council's prescribed training

Scrutiny Committees

S	crutiny Committee
	hirteen councillors (proportional)
	even Labour Councillors, Four Conservative Councillors, One Green Councillor, One ree Independent Group Councillor.
С	ouncillor Sarah Allen
С	ouncillor Tess Blight
С	ouncillor Jeremy Goslin (Vice Chair)
С	ouncillor Neil Hendy
С	ouncillor Keith Moore
С	ouncillor Bill Stevens
С	ouncillor Tina Tuohy
С	ouncillor Ian Darcy (Chair)
С	ouncillor Chip Tofan
С	ouncillor Richard Bingley
С	ouncillor James Stoneman
С	ouncillor lan Poyser
С	ouncillor Free Independent Vacancy

Thirteen councillors (proportional)	
	even Labour Councillors, Four Conservative Councillors, One Independent Group ouncillor, One Free Independent Group Councillor.
Cc	ouncillor Pauline Murphy (Chair)
Cc	ouncillor Will Noble
Cc	ouncillor Angela Penrose
Cc	ouncillor Zoe Reilly
Cc	ouncillor John Stephens
Cc	ouncillor Paul McNamara
Cc	ouncillor Tina Tuohy
Cc	ouncillor Natalie Harrison (Vice Chair)
Сс	ouncillor John Mahony
Cc	ouncillor Kathy Watkin
Сс	ouncillor Lee Finn
Cc	ouncillor Free Independent Vacancy
Cc	ouncillor Patrick Nicholson

	Education and Children's Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee	
Thirteen	councillors (proportional)	
	bour Councillors, Four Conservative Councillors, One Green Councillor, On lent Group Councillor.	
Councillor	· Zoe Reilly (Chair)	
Councillor	· Charlotte Cree	
Councillor	· Jon Dingle	
Councillor	· Charlotte Holloway	
Councillor	Angela Penrose	
Councillor	· John Stephens	
Councillor	· Dylan Tippetts	
Councillor	Charlotte Carlyle (Vice Chair)	
Councillor	Andrea Loveridge	
Councillor	Natalie Harrison	
Councillor	Conservative Vacancy	
Councillor	Lauren McLay	
Councillor	Terri Beer	
With the e	exception of Cabinet Members, any councillor may act as a substitute member	

Thirteen councillors (proportional)	
Seven Labour Counc Free Independent Gr	illors, Four Conservative Councillors, One Green Councillor, Or oup Councillor.
Councillor lan Tuffin (Vi	ce Chair)
Councillor Lyndsay Gilm	nour
Councillor Jeremy Gosli	n
Councillor Will Noble	
Councillor Kevin Sprost	on
Councillor Bill Stephens	
Councillor Dylan Tippet	ts
Councillor David Salmon	n
Councillor James Stoner	nan
Councillor Richard Bing	ley (Chair)
Councillor Charlotte Ca	ırlyle
Councillor lan Poyser	
Councillor Free Indep	endent Vacancy

Chief Officer Panels

Chief Officer Appointments Panel

Seven councillors (proportional)

Four Labour Councillors, Two Conservative Councillors, One Independent

Councillor Tudor Evans OBE (Chair)

Councillor Mary Aspinall

Councillor Jemima Laing

Councillor Tess Blight

Councillor lan Darcy

Councillor Andy Lugger

Councillor Mrs Terri Beer

Cabinet Members must not be in the majority on the panel. Any councillor may act as a substitute member provided that they have undergone the Council's prescribed personnel training

Chief Officer Disciplinary Panel

Seven councillors (proportional)

Four Labour Councillors, Two Conservative Councillors, One Free Independent

Councillor Tess Blight

Councillor Sally Haydon

Councillor Mark Lowry

Councillor Eddie Rennie

Councillor Andy Lugger

Councillor Bill Wakeham

Councillor Free Independent

Any councillor may act as a substitute member provided that they have undergone the Council's prescribed personnel training

Chief Officer Appeals Panel

Seven councillors (proportional)

Four Labour Councillors, Two Conservative Councillors, One Free Independent

Councillor Sarah Allen

Councillor Neil Hendy

Councillor Pauline Murphy

Councillor Chris Penberthy

Councillor Kathy Watkin

Councillor David Salmon

Councillor Free Independent Vacancy

Joint Committees / Authorities

Tamar Bridge and Torpoint Ferry Joint Committee

Five councillors (proportional)

Three Labour Councillors, Two Conservative Councillors.

Councillor Neil Hendy (Co-Vice Chair)

Councillor Mark Coker

Councillor Jon Dingle

Councillor James Stoneman

Councillor Bill Wakeham

Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue Authority

Four councillors (proportional)

Three Labour Councillors, One Conservative Councillors.

Councillor Lyndsay Gilmour

Councillor Neil Hendy

Councillor Kevin Sproston

Councillor Pat Patel

Other Committees

Lord Mayor Selection Committee Seven councillors (proportional) Two Conservative Councillors, Five Labour Councillors			
		Councillor Mary Aspinall	
		Councillor Sue Dann	
Councillor Tudor Evans			
Councillor Pauline Murphy			
Councillor Chris Penberthy			
Councillor Andy Lugger			
Councillor Pat Patel			

Standards Advisory BoardSix councillors (proportional)Four Labour Councillors, Two Conservative Councillors,			
		Councillor Eddie Rennie (Chair)	
Councillor Mary Aspinal			
Councillor Sarah Allen			
Councillor Neil Hendy			
Councillor Rebecca Smith			
Councillor John Mahony			

Non-Proportional Committees of Council Joint Committees / Authorities

Joint Health Scrutiny	
Three councillors (not proporti	onal)
Councillor Zoe Reilly	
Councillor Pauline Murphy	
Councillor John Mahony	

Devon and Cornwall Police and Crime Panel

Two councillors (not proportional)

Councillor Sally Haydon

Councillor Chris Penberthy

Heart of the South West Local Enterprise Partnership Joint Scrutiny Committee

Two councillors (not proportional)

Councillor lan Tuffin

Councillor Charlotte Cree

Other Committees

Devon Audit Partnership

Two councillors (not proportional)

Councillor Jeremy Goslin

Councillor Andy Lugger

Health and Wellbeing Board

Four councillors (not proportional)

Councillor Mary Aspinall (Chair)

Councillor Jemima Laing

Councillor John Mahony

Councillor Charlotte Carlyle

Cabinet Committees / Advisory Groups

Corporate Parenting Group	
Eight councillors (political equality by convention)	
Councillor Jemima Laing	
Councillor Sally Cresswell	
Councillor Zoe Reilly	
Councillor Dylan Tippets	
Councillor Charlotte Carlyle	
Councillor Andrea Loveridge	
Councillor Lee Finn	

Councillor Pat Patel

South West Devon Joint Waste Partnership (One meeting per year)	
Two councillors (Cabinet Members) One observer	
Councillor Tom Briars-Delve	
Councillor Mark Coker	
Councillor Bill Wakeham	Observer

Mount Edgcumbe Joint Committee Seven councillors		
Councillor Tess Blight		
Councillor Lyndsay Gilmour		
Councillor Angela Penrose		
Councillor David Salmon		
Councillor Charlotte Carlyle		
Councillor James Stoneman		

Child Poverty Working Group	
Six councillors (political equality by convention)	
Chair to be relevant Cabinet member	
Councillor Chris Penberthy	Chair
Councillor Sue Dann	
Councillor Jemima Laing	
Councillor Natalie Harrison	
Councillor Rebecca Smith	
Councillor Andrea Loveridge	