



North Devon Council

Report to: Annual Council

Report Date: 7 April 2021

Topic: Appointment of Committees for 2021/22

Report by: Chief Executive

1. In November 2020, discussions took place with the Group Leaders and the following political balance had been agreed. There have been no changes to Political Groups since this date. This satisfies, so far as possible, the requirements of the Local Government (Committees and Political Groups) Regulations 1990.
2. It should be noted that the below also reflects an agreement between the Group Leaders that the Green and Liberal Democrat groups would each drop a seat on the Planning Committee with the recommendation being that these seats are allocated to the Independent Group. This reflects the fact that those Groups are not able to fill the seats themselves.
3. A table showing the individual Councillors to serve on each Committee will be tabled at Full Council.

Table 1 - Politically Balanced Committees					
	Number of Cllrs	Liberal Democrat	Conservative	Independent	Green Group
Building Control Joint Committee	2	1	1		
Governance Committee (see note below)	9	5	2	2	0
Harbour Board	4	2	1	1	0
Licensing and Community Safety Committee	15	7	4	3	1
North Devon Crematorium Joint Committee	7	4	2	1	0
Planning Committee	15	6	4	5	0
Policy Development Committee (see note below)	10	5	2	2	1
Strategy and Resources Committee (see note below)	11	5	3	2	1
Total	73	35	19	16	3

2. Informal discussions are in the process of taking place with Torridge District Council regarding changing the Joint Local Plan Working Group to create a formal Joint Committee. The appointment of a Joint Committee would be subject to a separate report to a future meeting of Council.

Notes on Table 1:

Seats have been allocated to political groups in accordance with the rules laid down in the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 and the Local Government (Committees and Political Groups) Regulations 1990.

Governance Committee

- Cannot include Strategy and Resources Committee Members.

Strategy and Resources Committee:

- The Chair of this Committee shall be the Leader of the Council and membership will include all Group Leaders where political balance allows.

Policy Development Committee

- The Chair of the Committee may not be a Member of the Strategy and Resources Committee.

3. In addition 9 appointments are required to a Reserve List of members from which any substitutes required to sit on the Planning Committee shall be drawn, provided that Council will ensure so far as is practicable that the composition of the Reserve List reflects the political balance on Full Council.

TABLE 2					
Reserve list for Planning Committee substitutions					
	Number of Cllrs	Liberal Democrat	Conservative	Independent	Green Group
Planning	9	5	2	2	0

Table 3

**Group
Nominations to
Committees:**

	Liberal Democrat	Conservative	Independent	Green Group
Building Control Joint Committee	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>		
Governance Committee	<input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/>	
Harbour Board	<input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	
Licensing and Community Safety Committee	<input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
North Devon Crematorium Joint Committee	<input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	

Table 3

**Group
Nominations to
Committees:**

	Liberal Democrat	Conservative	Independent	Green Group
Planning Committee	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	
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Policy Development Committee	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
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Strategy and Resources Committee	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
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Planning Committee Reserve List for substitutions	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	
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4. Council must also appoint the following Chairs and Vice Chairs.

Table 4	Chair	Vice-Chair
Committee:		
Governance Committee		
Harbour Board		
Licensing and Community Safety Committee		
Planning Committee		
Policy Development Committee (see note below)		
Strategy and Resources Committee (see note below)		

Notes on Table 4:

Policy Development Committee

- The Chair of the Committee may not be a member of the Strategy and Resources Committee.

Strategy and Resources Committee

- The Chair shall be the Leader of the Council.

Building Control Joint Committee and North Devon Crematorium Joint Committee

- As these are Joint Committees with other Local Authorities, appointment of Chair and Vice Chair will be made at the first meeting of the Joint Committee.

5. Council can also appoint to the Local Government Association for 2021/22

Table 5	
Local Government Association:	
General Assembly (1 Councillor)	
South West Branch (1 Councillor)	
Coastal Issues Group (2 Councillors)	
District Council's Network Assembly (1 Councillor + Chief Executive)	

6. EQUALITIES ASSESSMENT

6.1 There are not any equalities implications anticipated as a result of this report.

7. CONSTITUTIONAL CONTEXT

7.1 Part 2, Article 4, paragraph 4.5.6

7.2 Council power.

8. STATEMENT OF CONFIDENTIALITY

8.1 This report contains no confidential information or exempt information under the provisions of Schedule 12A of 1972 Act.

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Reference: T:\Democratic\Committee\Reports\Council\2021.04.07\2021.04.07 Appointments Council.doc