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Uttlesford District Council

Chief Executive: Dawn French

SUPPLEMENTARY PACK: POLITICAL BALANCE & COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Council

Date: Tuesday, 21st May, 2019

Time: 7.30 pm

Venue: Council Chamber - Council Offices, London Road, Saffron Walden,
CB11 4ER

Chairman: Councillor L Wells

Members: Councillors A Armstrong, H Asker, G Bagnall, G Barker (as outgoing Vice Chair), S Barker, M Caton, A Coote, C Criscione, C Day, A Dean, G Driscoll, D Eke, J Evans, P Fairhurst, M Foley, R Freeman, A Gerard, N Gregory, N Hargreaves, V Isham, R Jones, A Khan, P Lavelle, G LeCount, P Lees, M Lemon, B Light, J Lodge, J Loughlin, S Luck, S Merifield, E Oliver, R Pavitt, L Pepper, N Reeve, H Rolfe (as outgoing Leader) G Sell, A Storah, M Sutton, M Tayler and J de Vries

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To consider a nomination to appoint a member to the Essex Police, Fire and Crime Panel, and to appoint a substitute to the Panel.



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APPOINTMENTS TO CABINET

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|-------------------|--|
| Cllr J Lodge | - Leader
Lead for Planning and the Local Plan |
| Cllr P Lees | - Deputy Leader
Portfolio Holder for Housing; Health and Wellbeing |
| Cllr P Fairhurst | - Portfolio Holder for Business, Economy, Jobs, Investment and Strategy; Youth Services |
| Cllr H Asker | - Portfolio Holder for Council and Public Services |
| Cllr B Light | - Portfolio Holder for Education and Libraries; Culture, Heritage and Tourism |
| Cllr L Pepper | - Portfolio Holder for Environment and Green Issues; Equalities |
| Cllr N Hargreaves | - Portfolio Holder for Finance and Budget |
| Cllr D Eke | - Portfolio Holder for Infrastructure, Transport and Stansted Airport |
| Cllr A Gerard | - Portfolio Holder for Residents and Community Partnerships; Police and Emergency Services |
| Cllr A Armstrong | - Portfolio Holder for Sports and Leisure |

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Committee: Annual Council

Date:

Title: Political Balance

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Summary

1. This report considers the political composition of the Council and recommends that seats on the main committees be allocated to the four political groups as detailed in the report.
2. Following the election held on 2 May 2019, new political groups have been formed comprising 26 Residents for Uttlesford, 7 Liberal Democrats, 4 Conservatives and 2 Uttlesford Independents.

Recommendations

3. That the Council reviews its political composition and achieves political balance by allocating seats on its committees as detailed in the report.

Financial Implications

4. None.

Background Papers

5. The following papers were referred to by the author in the preparation of this report and are available for inspection from the author of the report.

None.

Impact

- 6.

Communication/Consultation	
Community Safety	
Equalities	
Health and Safety	
Human Rights/Legal Implications	

Sustainability	
Ward-specific impacts	
Workforce/Workplace	

Situation

7. The Local Government Housing Act 1989 requires local authorities local authorities to review the representation of the different political groups at the Annual Meeting or as soon as practicable thereafter. It further requires them to allocate the seats on their committees to political groups represented in accordance, so far as reasonably practicable, with the following four principles of proportionality:-
- that not all seats on the body concerned are allocated to the same political group;
 - 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;
 - subject to paragraphs (a) and (b) above, that the number of seats on the ordinary committees of an 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;
 - 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 seats on that body as is borne by the number of members of that group to the membership of the authority.
8. Ahead of any decision by the newly elected Council, it has been assumed the number of seats on ordinary committees of the Council (excluding Standards Committee) will be as follows:

Committee	Number of Seats
Governance, Audit and Performance	10
Licensing and Environmental Health	10
Planning	12
Scrutiny	10
Total	42

9. Based on the 42 seats, the number of seats available to each group is as follows:

Group	Percentage	Calculated Seats	Number of Seats
Residents for Uttlesford	66.67%	28.01	28
Liberal Democrats	17.95%	7.56	8
Conservative	10.26%	4.32	4
Uttlesford Independents	5.13%	2.18	2
Total	100%	42	42

Licensing and Environmental Health Committee

10. The Licensing Committee cannot be taken into account for the purposes of the calculation because it was not established under the Local Government Act 1972. However, it seems sensible to offer the ten places to be allocated on the same basis of proportionality, and the Licensing Committee has therefore been included in the calculation of the number of seats.

Standards Committee

11. The Council's Constitution recognises that that the rules of political balance contained in the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 apply but acknowledges that a politically balanced Standards Committee would be undesirable. It provides that subject to no member present voting against the proposal each political group on the Council would have at least one member on the Standards Committee. The aim is to achieve an even balance on the Committee.
12. Article 9 of the Constitution provides for three nominations for each political group, until the point when the Committee reaches a maximum of 9 members. As there are now 4 political groups it is proposed that membership of the Standards Committee should be allocated as follows:

Political Party	Number of Seats
Residents for Uttlesford	3
Liberal Democrats	2
Conservatives	2
Uttlesford Independents	1
Total	8

Proposal for Allocation of Seats

13. The allocation of the 50 seats is therefore proposed as follows:

Committee	No. Seats Available	Residents for Uttlesford	Liberal Democrat	Conservative	Independent
Governance, Audit and Performance	10	7	2	1	0
Licensing and Environmental Health	10	7	2	1	0
Planning	12	8	2	1	1
Scrutiny	10	6	2	1	1
Standards	8	3	2	2	1
Total	8	31	10	6	3

Risk Analysis

14. There are no risks associated with this report.

PROPOSED APPOINTMENTS OF COMMITTEES OF THE COUNCIL

PLANNING COMMITTEE		LICENSING AND ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH COMMITTEE	
Chair: Cllr S Merifield Vice-Chair: Cllr M Lemon		Chair: Cllr P Lavelle Vice-Chair: Cllr C Day	
Cllr G Bagnall Cllr M Caton Cllr P Fairhurst Cllr R Freeman Cllr A Gerard	Cllr G LeCount Cllr J Loughlin Cllr R Pavitt Cllr A Storah Cllr M Sutton	Cllr S Barker Cllr G Driscoll Cllr M Foley Cllr V Isham	Cllr B Light Cllr S Luck Cllr M Tayler Cllr J de Vries
Substitutes: Cllr S Barker Cllr N Gregory Cllr E Oliver Cllr N Reeve	Cllr G Sell Cllr M Tayler Cllr J de Vries	Substitutes: Cllr A Armstrong Cllr A Coote Cllr C Criscione	Cllr J Loughlin Cllr A Khan Cllr E Oliver
GOVERNANCE, AUDIT AND PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE		SCRUTINY COMMITTEE	
Chair: Cllr E Oliver Vice-Chair: Cllr N Hargreaves		Chair: Cllr N Gregory or Cllr G Sell Vice-Chair: Cllr G LeCount	
Cllr A Armstrong Cllr A Dean Cllr V Isham Cllr A Khan	Cllr P Lees Cllr B Light Cllr L Pepper Cllr M Sutton	Cllr M Caton Cllr A Coote Cllr C Criscione Cllr G Driscoll	Cllr J Evans Cllr R Jones Cllr N Reeve Cllr N Gregory or Cllr G Sell
Substitutes: Cllr G Bagnall Cllr S Barker Cllr M Caton	Cllr C Criscione Cllr R Freeman Cllr G Sell	Substitutes: Cllr C Day Cllr S Barker Cllr A Dean	Cllr M Foley Cllr M Lemon Cllr R Pavitt Cllr A Storah
STANDARDS COMMITTEE			
Chair: Cllr N Reeve Vice-Chair: Cllr D Eke			
Cllr H Asker Cllr S Barker Cllr M Foley	Cllr N Gregory Cllr E Oliver Cllr A Khan	Independent Members (non-voting): Georgina Butcher-Doulton David Pearl Catherine Wellingbrook-Doswell	
Substitutes:	Cllr A Dean, Cllr J Evans, Cllr G LeCount, Cllr M Lemon, Cllr J Loughlin, Cllr R Pavitt		

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PROPOSED APPOINTMENTS TO WORKING GROUPS OF THE COUNCIL

LOCAL JOINT PANEL

Cllr S Barker

Cllr A Coote

Cllr A Khan

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PROPOSED APPOINTMENTS TO JOINT COMMITTEES

ESSEX POLICE, FIRE AND CRIME PANEL

Substantive Member: Cllr G LeCount

Substitute Member: Cllr A Gerard

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