

Report of the Head of Legal Services

Review of Committee Seats

Purpose of report

1. To note changes to the membership of political groups and allocation of committee seats, which had been anticipated but had not taken effect when the Authority last met.
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Recommendations

It is recommended that:

- i) the appointment of Cllr J. Hardwick be noted;***
- ii) the revised allocation of committee seats to political groups as set out in Appendix 1 be approved; and***
- iii) the updated membership of committees set out in Appendix 2 be noted.***

Political Groups and Committee Appointments

2. At the time of the Authority's last meeting in June 2022 it was anticipated that Cllr J. Hardwick was going to be appointed to the Fire Authority by Herefordshire Council in place of Cllr K. Guthrie but this had not been confirmed in time for the meeting. The appointment was subsequently confirmed and Cllr Hardwick has joined the Herefordshire Alliance Group. It is therefore necessary to formally review the allocation of committee seats based on the political balance of the Group.
3. The revised allocation of seats is as shown in Appendix 1 and the updated list of committee members is shown in Appendix 2. The net effect is that the Herefordshire Alliance Group are entitled to an additional seat on the Policy & Resources Committee, which has been taken by Cllr Hardwick.

Conclusion/Summary

4. Appendices 1 and 2 reflect the revised composition of the Authority

Corporate Considerations

Resource Implications (identify any financial, legal, property or human resources issues)	None
Strategic Policy Links (identify how proposals link in with current priorities and policy framework and if they do not, identify any potential implications).	None directly.
Risk Management / Health & Safety (identify any risks, the proposed control measures and risk evaluation scores).	None directly.
Consultation (identify any public or other consultation that has been carried out on this matter)	None.
Equalities (has an Equalities Impact Assessment been completed? If not, why not?)	An Equalities Impact Assessment has not been carried out as the report does not contain a recommendation to approve a policy.

Appendices

Appendix 1 – Political balance and allocation of committee seats

Appendix 2 – Updated committee memberships

Political balance & Allocation of Committee Seats						
Number In Group		Conservative Group	Herefordshire Alliance	Green & Independent Alliance	Unity Group	Total
		16	5	2	2	25
		64%	20%	8%	8%	
Committee	Seats					
Appointments	7	4	1	1	1	7
Audit and Standards	12	8	2	1	1	12
Policy and Resources	13	8	3	1	1	13
TOTAL SEATS	32	20	6	3	3	32
	%	63%	19%	9%	9%	

Policy & Resources Committee

Conservative Group (7)	Herefordshire Alliance (3)	Ind. & Green Alliance (1)	Unity Group (1)
Cllr. R. Phillips (Chairman)	Cllr. L. Stark	Cllr. T. Wells	Cllr. R. Udall
Cllr. C. Taylor (Vice)	Cllr. K. Hey		
Cllr. D. Chambers	Cllr. J. Hardwick		
Cllr. A. Ditta			
Cllr. J. Monk			
Cllr. D. Morehead			
Cllr. L. Robinson			

Audit & Standards Committee (cannot include Chair/Vice-Chair of Authority, Chair of Policy & Resources or Group Leaders)

Conservative Group (8)	Herefordshire Alliance (2)	Ind. & Green Alliance (1)	Unity Group (1)
Cllr. M. Hart (Chairman)	Cllr. D. Toynbee	Cllr. N. McVey	Cllr. D. Boatright
Cllr. A. Amos (Vice)	Cllr. S. Bowen		
Cllr. R. Brookes			
Cllr. B. Clayton			
Cllr. A. Hardman			
Cllr. I. Hardiman			
Cllr. E. Marshall			
Cllr. R. Morris			

Appointments Committee

Conservative Group (4)	Herefordshire Alliance (1)	Ind. & Green Alliance (1)	Unity Group (1)
Cllr. C. Taylor	Cllr. L. Stark	Cllr. T. Wells	Cllr. R. Udall
Cllr. R. Phillips			
Cllr. M. Hart			
Cllr. E. Eyre			