

Conservative Group Proposal 2021

The Conservative Group propose that the Chairs and Vice Chairs of Scrutiny are shared between the two largest opposition parties to ensure that a wider spectrum of opposition opinion is reflected and heard.

The Conservative Group propose that for the Civic Year 21/22 the sharing of Scrutiny Chairs is allocated on a 3:2 basis reflecting that the Liberal Democrat opposition group is the larger Group but also taking into consideration the wider interests of the Borough where the vote share is closer than reflected by current composition.

The Liberal Democrat Group to Chair those Scrutiny Committees with statutory based responsibilities; Communities and Housing, Adult Social Care and Health and Children and Families. The Conservative Group to Chair Economy & Regeneration Committee and CRMG Committee.

Where the Liberal Democrat Group hold the Chair of a Scrutiny Committee, the Conservative Group will hold the Vice-Chair. Where the Conservative Group hold the Chair of a Scrutiny Committee, the Liberal Democrat Group will hold the Vice – Chair.

With regard to Ordinary Committees, the Conservative Group propose that the Chair of PHRC remains with the ruling Group. In the interests of continuity we propose that the Chair of LEAS remains with the Conservative Group so that work which is already underway on the Review of Licensing Standards is able to be completed to satisfactory timescales.

We further propose that for similar reasons, the Vice Chair of Planning stays with the Conservative Group and the Vice Chair of LEAS stays with the ruling Group.

All other Ordinary Committees Chairs and Vice-Chairs to remain as currently allocated between the ruling group, main opposition group and second opposition group.

These proposals are put forward for agreement in principal now, with nominations of named Councillors to fill each role be put forward in due course.

Scrutiny Committees

Communities & Housing	Liberal Democrat Chair Conservative Vice-Chair
Adult Social Care & Health	Liberal Democrat Chair Conservative Vice-Chair
Children & Families	Liberal Democrat Chair Conservative Vice-Chair
CRMG	Conservative Chair Liberal Democrat Vice-Chair
Economy & Regeneration	Conservative Chair Liberal Democrat Group Vice-Chair

Ordinary Committees

PHRC	Labour Group Chair Conservative Group Vice-Chair
LEAS	Conservative Group Chair Labour Group Vice-Chair
Licensing Sub A	Liberal Democrat Group Chair
Licensing Sub B	Labour Group Chair
Employment Appeals	Labour Group Chair
Appeals	Labour Group Chair
Appointments	Labour Group Chair Labour Group Vice-Chair
Audit	Liberal Democrat Chair Conservative Vice-Chair
Standards	Co-opted Member Chair
Contributors	Labour Group Chair
Funding	Labour Group Chair
Members	Labour Group Chair

MOVED AND SECONDED – (1) That the Council Meeting give approval to the establishment of Scrutiny Committees, the Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee, Ordinary Committees, Area Committees, Working Parties and other Member bodies and their associated terms of reference as detailed in the schedule published with the Summons.

(2) That the Council Meeting be recommended to give approval to the appointment of Chairs and Vice-Chairs of Ordinary and Scrutiny Committees in accordance with the principles outlined in the document entitled “Conservative Group Proposal 2021”.

(3) That authority be delegated to the Chief Executive to give approval to the composition of Scrutiny Committees, the Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee, Ordinary Committees, Area Committees, Working Parties, other Member bodies, appointments to Outside Bodies and the names of the Chairs and Vice-Chairs in accordance with:-

- (i) the approved allocation of places on committees in accordance with the proportionality rules;

- (ii) the expressed wishes of the political group entitled to fill those positions; and

- (iii) the schedule of political groups entitled to occupy the positions of Chair and Vice-Chair approved by the Council Meeting under resolution (2).

Moved by: Councillor Mike Hurleston

Seconded by: Councillor John McGahan