Liberal Democrat Group Committees Proposal 2022

The Liberal Democrat Group propose that the Chairs and Vice Chairs of Scrutiny are shared between the two largest opposition groups to ensure that a wide spectrum of opposition opinion is reflected and heard.

This proposal is written from the perspective of an anticipated Liberal Democrat administration being formed and that the Labour Group will move into opposition.

The Liberal Democrat Group propose that for the Civic Year 22/23 the sharing of Scrutiny Chairs is allocated on a 4:1 basis, reflecting the standard proportionality calculation applied to the Scrutiny Coordination Committee, restricted to opposition groups.

The details of which committee is allocated to who is given below, noting the specific request of the Conservative Group to Chair the Economy and Regeneration Committee, and and the acceptance by the Green Group and the Independent Ratepayers Group of our offer for them to hold the Vice-Chairs of the Adult Social Care and Health Committee and the Audit Committee respectively, in the absence of Conservative members on those committees.

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.

<u>Scrutiny Committees</u>

Communities & Housing	Labour Chair Conservative Vice-Chair
Adult Social Care & Health	Labour Chair Green Vice-Chair
Children & Families	Labour Chair Conservative Vice-Chair
CRMG	Labour Chair Conservative Vice-Chair
Economy & Regeneration	Conservative Chair Labour Vice-Chair

<u>Ordinary Committees</u>

PHRC	Liberal Democrat Chair Conservative Vice-Chair

LEAS	Liberal Democrat Chair Labour Vice-Chair
Licensing Sub A	Conservative Chair
Licensing Sub B	Labour Chair
Employment Appeals	Liberal Democrat Chair
Appeals	Liberal Democrat Chair
Appointments	Liberal Democrat Chair Liberal Democrat Vice-Chair
Audit	Labour Chair Independent Ratepayers Vice-Chair
Standards	Co-opted Member Chair
Contributors	Liberal Democrat Chair
Funding	Liberal Democrat Chair
Members	Liberal Democrat 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 “Liberal Democrat Group Committees Proposal 2022”.

(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 Mark Hunter
Seconded by: Councillor Wendy Meikle