

Report For:	BUCKINGHAMSHIRE SHADOW AUTHORITY
Meeting Date:	3rd June 2019

SUMMARY

Title of Report:	APPOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEES
Responsible Officer	Sarah Ashmead, The Proper Officer
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Recommendation:	<p>That:</p> <p>(i) Members agree to the creation of the Shadow Executive in accordance with the provisions of the Buckinghamshire Structural Changes Order 2019 and the nominations of the five Councils; and</p> <p>(ii) Members appoint to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee in accordance with political balance which is relevant at the time of this meeting.</p>
Legal & Finance:	The legal comments are set out in the report. There are no financial implications.
Options:	N/A
Reasons:	N/A - Only required for executive reports.

Purpose of Report

To agree the creation of the Shadow Executive and the appointments to committees for the Shadow Governance arrangements

Content of Report

1. This report sets out the arrangements for the creation of the Shadow Executive and the appointment to committees of the Shadow Authority.

Background

Political Groups and Percentage Entitlement

2. The members of the Buckinghamshire Shadow Authority are made up of a number of political groups across the five councils and a chart is attached to show the affiliations.
3. At the point of writing this report no Buckinghamshire area political groups have been formed, but officers have used the existing political affiliations to assume political proportionality. However, by the time of the Shadow Authority meeting political groups

must be formed and the entitlements could therefore change and be updated as necessary. The number of members of political groups and the percentage entitlement is therefore as follows:

Note:

CON	Lib Dems	Labour	IND	Bucks RA
186	19	9	7	3

There are in addition ungrouped members; 6 Independent, 4 Conservative and 1 Green.

When the group notifications to the proper officer have been received a further calculation will be carried out.

Committees of the Buckinghamshire Shadow Authority

4. The Shadow Executive will carry out all of the Shadow Authority's duties and responsibilities which are not the responsibility of any other part of the Shadow Authority, whether by law or under this Constitution, and in particular it will carry out those duties and responsibilities of the Shadow Executive Committee which are contained in The Buckinghamshire Structural Changes Order 2019. It shall be responsible for making recommendations to the Shadow Authority on the setting of a budget and where appointments fall to Members, will appoint Senior Officers.
5. The Order provides that the Shadow Executive is to consist of the Leader of the County Council and eight councillors nominated by Buckinghamshire County Council and two councillors nominated by each of the District Councils, each of whom is for the time being a member of the nominating Council.
6. Substitution arrangements are allowed in respect of the Shadow Executive. The Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Shadow Authority cannot be appointed to the Shadow Executive.
7. The entitlement to seats on the remainder of the committees of the Shadow Authority which are allocated to each political group must bear the same proportion to the total of those seats as the number of members of each group is to the membership of the Shadow Authority.
8. The numbers above are likely to change when the political group notifications are provided to the proper officer. A further calculation will be available at the meeting.
9. In addition, where a political group has a majority of seats on the Shadow Authority, it must also have a majority on each individual body to which appointments are made.
10. However, the Shadow Authority may waive political balance rules for any committee where the Council wishes to appoint an alternative number of members from political groups. In order for political balance to be waived no member must object to this, an objection by a single member would make it necessary to apply strict proportionality.
11. The table below shows the number of seats on committees to be allocated to political groups:

	<u>Con</u>	<u>Lib Dem</u>	<u>Labour</u>	<u>IND</u>	<u>Total</u>
Overview and Scrutiny	16	2	1	1	20

12. Group Leaders have been asked for their nominations to committees in accordance with the allocations above. These will be circulated prior to the meeting. It is for the Shadow Buckinghamshire Authority to make these appointments.
13. The Senior Officer Appointments Committee is a sub-committee of the Shadow Executive as the Senior Appointments are made by the Shadow Executive under the Order. It is therefore not caught by the political balance rules. There are no other committees to which the rules apply.

Appointments to Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen of Committees

14. The Constitution of the Shadow Buckinghamshire Authority allows for the appointment of a Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee. In respect of the chairmanship of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee, this appointment may be from a minority political group.
15. The Chairman (and Vice-Chairman) of the Shadow Executive Committee will be elected by the Committee at its first meeting. The Chairman of the Shadow Executive will be the Leader of the Shadow Authority and the Vice-Chairman will be the Deputy Leader. In accordance with the Structural Changes Order the Leader will be the Leader of the County Council and the Deputy Leader will be nominated by the District Councils.