



## Report to Executive

**Date:** 30 April 2020

**Title:** Committee Appointments

**Relevant councillor(s):** Martin Tett

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**Ward(s) affected:** All

**Recommendations: That the Executive of Buckinghamshire Council: -**

1. Approves the updated proportionality arrangements set out at table 2 below;
2. Subject to the Regulations coming into force:
  - a) agrees to designate appointments to Council committees at Appendix 2, and then confirm these on 11 May 2020;
  - b) notes the appointments to Select Committees at Appendix 3, as designated by the Chief Executive, following discussion with the Group Leaders.
3. Agrees to delegate to the Monitoring Officer powers to vary the membership of a Committee at any point on a permanent or casual basis upon the written nomination of a Group Leader.

**Reason for decision:** The Government has laid regulations which make provisions for the governance of Buckinghamshire Council, following the postponement of the local elections on 7 May 2020. The regulations include provision for the Executive to make appointments to various committees established under the Council's constitution. They also allow the Chief Executive, following consultation with the Group Leaders, to make appointments to the Overview and Scrutiny Committees.

## **Background**

- 1.1 This report seeks approval to the proportionality arrangements for committees of Buckinghamshire Council established in the constitution, and the designation of elected members to individual committees.
- 1.2 As reported to Cabinet on 21 April, the Government have laid the Local Government (Coronavirus)(Structural Changes)(Consequential Amendments)(England) Regulations 2020 to make provisions for the governance of the Council until the 2021 elections. These Regulations provide that the Executive is responsible for making appointments to the following committees established in the constitution:
- Strategic Planning Committee and the Area Planning Committees
  - Licensing Committee
  - the Health and Wellbeing Board
  - the Pensions Committee
  - the Senior Appointments and Pay Committee
  - the Standards and General Purposes Committee
  - the Audit and Governance Committee.
- 1.3 The appointment of members to the overview and scrutiny committees (within the Constitution called the Select Committees) is to be exercised by the head of paid service of the authority, following consultation with the leader of each political group.
- 1.4 The Regulations were laid before Parliament on 16 April 2020 and will come into force on 8 May 2020 with the above provisions being applicable from 11 May 2020.

## **Content of report**

### **Political Proportionality**

- 1.5 The distribution of seats on Committees is governed by Section 15 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 and the Local Government (Committees and Political Groups) Regulations 1990, which require the allocation to accord with the rules on proportionality. The Regulations state that seats on Committees must be allocated to each political group in the same proportion to the number of seats held by each of those groups on the Council (rules of aggregation as well as being in

the correct proportions on each Committee individually, in so far as this may be practicable).

1.6 The political balance of the Council is currently 152 Conservatives, 18 Liberal Democrats, 9 Labour, 6 Independents, 4 Wycombe Independents, 2 Independent Conservatives, 2 Denham Conservatives, 1 Beaconsfield Conservative, 1 Buckinghamshire Residents Association, 1 Green and 1 Taplow Conservative. There are 3 political groups comprising 152 (The Conservative Group), 30 (The Alliance Group) and 9 (Labour) Members. There are 6 ungrouped members and 5 vacant seats with effect from 30 April. Following the agreement of all political groups the final allocations proposed are listed below (Appendix 1 sets out the background calculations). Please note that these figures have been updated since the report to Cabinet on 21 April 2020.

1.7 The allocation of total seats in line with political proportionality is as set out in Table 1 below.

**Table 1 – Total Seats**

Political Group	Seats on Council	% of whole	Seats actual	Seats rounded
Conservative	152	77.2%	165.89	166
Alliance	30	15.2%	32.74	33
Labour	9	4.6%	9.82	10
Ungrouped	6			6
<b>Total</b>	<b>197</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>215</b>	<b>215</b>

1.8 The allocation of seats to committees in line with political proportionality is as set out in Table 2 and 3 below.

**Table 2: Final allocations of Seats** (figures in brackets indicate where adjustments have been made)

Committee	Size	Conservative	Alliance	Labour	Remainder
Pension Fund	7	5	1	0	1
Senior Appointments	7	5	1	0	1

Strategic Sites	12	9	2	0 (1)	1 (0)
Audit & Governance	12	9	2	1	0
Standards	14	11	2	0 (1)	1 (0)
Licensing	15	12	2	0 (1)	1 (0)
Area Planning North	12	9	2	1	0
Area Planning East	12	10 (9)*	2	0 (1)*	0
Area Planning West	12	9	2	1	0
Area Planning Central	12	9	2	1	0
Area Planning South	10	8	2	0	0
Select Committee – Health & Adult Social Care	15	12	2	1	0
Select Committee - Children & Education	15	12	2	1	0
Select Committee - Transport, Environment & Climate Change	15	12	2	1	0
Select Committee – Communities & Localism	15	11 (12)	3 (2)	1	0
Select Committee - Growth, Infrastructure & Housing	15	12	2	1	0
Select Committee – Finance & Resources	15	12	2	1	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>215</b>	<b>167*</b>	<b>33 (32)</b>	<b>10 (14)</b>	<b>5 (2)*</b>

\* By mutual agreement between Group Leaders, an additional seat on Area Planning East has been allocated to the Conservative Group

**Table 3: Fire Authority Seats**

Committee	Size	Conservative	Alliance	Labour	Remainder
Fire Authority	11	8	2	1	0

## **Appointments**

- 1.9 Following discussions with Group Leaders, members have been nominated to the committees according to these proportionality arrangements (Appendix 2). The Executive is asked to designate these members to these committees. These appointments will then be confirmed on 11 May 2020 once the regulations come into force. By designating individuals to committees in advance, members can receive appropriate training and new committees can begin operating as soon as possible after 11 May 2020.
- 1.10 The Executive is also asked to note the designation of members to Select Committees (Appendix 3). These designations have been made by the Chief Executive, following consultation with Group Leaders.
- 1.11 In the case of Community Boards, all Buckinghamshire Council councillors from the respective area are members of the Boards. Details of Board membership is included on the Council's website.

## **Legal and financial implications**

- 1.12 The legal implications are as detailed within the body of the report and will allow more effective preparations for governance and decision making to take place. Under the Regulations the appointments are an executive function and the designate appointments can therefore be confirmed on 11 May 2020.

## **Consultation and communication**

- 1.13 Consultation on the appointments has taken place with the Group Leaders, and with ungrouped members.

## **Next steps and review**

- 1.14 Once the Regulations come into force, the Leader will advise Members that the designated appointments are confirmed. Dates for committee meetings are set out in the calendar of meetings on the Council's website.

## **Background papers**

The Local Government (Coronavirus)(Structural Changes)(Consequential Amendments) (England) Regulations 2020 - <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2020/426/made>

*Report to Buckinghamshire Council Cabinet on 21 April 2020:*

<https://buckinghamshire.moderngov.co.uk/documents/b48468/Item%206%20->

[%20Committee%20Appointments%20and%20Proportionality%201st-Apr-2020%2010.00%20Cabinet.pdf?T=9](#)

### **Your questions and views (for key decisions)**

If you have any questions about the matters contained in this report please get in touch with the author of this report. If you have any views that you would like the cabinet member to consider please inform the democratic services team. This can be done by telephone 01296 382343 or email [democracy@buckinghamshire.gov.uk](mailto:democracy@buckinghamshire.gov.uk)



Table 4 – Committee size &amp; model allocation of seats by Group

Size	Conservative	Alliance	Labour	Remainder
3	2	0	0	1
4	3	1	0	0
5	4	1	0	0
6	5	1	0	0
7	5	1	0	1
8	6	1	0	1
9	7	1	0	1
10	8	2	0	0
11	8	2	1	0
12	9	2	1	0
13	10	2	1	0
14	11	2	1	0
15	12	2	1	0
16	12	2	1	1

**Table 5 – Initial calculations before adjustments**

Committees	No	Conservative		Labour		Alliance		Total grouped	
		Strict	Rounded	Strict	Rounded	Strict	Rounded	Rounded	Remainder
Pension Fund	<b>7</b>	5.401	5	0.320	0	1.066	1	6	1
Senior Appointments	<b>7</b>	5.401	5	0.320	0	1.066	1	6	1
Strategic Sites	<b>12</b>	9.259	9	0.548	1	1.827	2	12	0
Audit & Governance	<b>12</b>	9.259	9	0.548	1	1.827	2	12	0
Standards	<b>14</b>	10.802	11	0.640	1	2.132	2	14	0
Licensing	<b>15</b>	11.574	12	0.685	1	2.284	2	15	0
Area Planning North	<b>12</b>	9.259	9	0.548	1	1.827	2	12	0
Area Planning East	<b>12</b>	9.259	9	0.548	1	1.827	2	12	0
Area Planning West	<b>12</b>	9.259	9	0.548	1	1.827	2	12	0
Area Planning Central	<b>12</b>	9.259	9	0.548	1	1.827	2	12	0
Area Planning South	<b>10</b>	7.716	8	0.457	0	1.523	2	10	0
Select Committee – Health & Adult Social Care	<b>15</b>	11.574	12	0.685	1	2.284	2	15	0
Select Committee - Children & Education	<b>15</b>	11.574	12	0.685	1	2.284	2	15	0
Select Committee - Transport, Environment & Climate Change	<b>15</b>	11.574	12	0.685	1	2.284	2	15	0
Select Committee – Communities & Localism	<b>15</b>	11.574	12	0.685	1	2.284	2	15	0
Select Committee - Growth, Infrastructure & Housing	<b>15</b>	11.574	12	0.685	1	2.284	2	15	0
Select Committee – Finance & Resources	<b>15</b>	11.574	12	0.685	1	2.284	2	15	0
Aggregate	<b>215</b>	165.888	167	9.822	14	32.741	32	213	2
Adjustment required			-1		-4		1		4



## Appendix 2 – Appointments to Council Committees 2020/21

Committee	Nominations
Pension Fund (7)	<p><i>5 Conservative; 1 Alliance; 1 Ungrouped</i></p> <p>David Anthony (Con)            Tim Butcher (Con)            Ralph Bagge (Con)            John Chilver (Con)            John Gladwin (Con)            Alan Bacon (All)            Chris Adams</p>
Senior Appointments (7)	<p><i>5 Conservative; 1 Alliance; 1 Ungrouped</i></p> <p>Tim Butcher (Con)            Angela MacPherson (Con)            Mark Shaw (Con)            Martin Tett (Con)            Katrina Wood (Con)            Steven Lambert (All)            Andy Huxley</p>
Strategic Sites (12)	<p><i>9 Conservative; 2 Alliance; 1 Ungrouped</i></p> <p>Steven Broadbent (Con)            Noel Brown (Con)            Santokh Chhoker (Con)            Charlie Clare (Con)            Jilly Jordan (Con)            Richard Newcombe (Con)            Carole Paternoster (Con)            Don Phillips (Con)            Alan Turner (Con)            Peter Cooper (All)            Llew Monger (All)            George Sandy</p>
Audit & Governance (12)	<p><i>9 Conservative; 2 Alliance; 1 Labour</i></p> <p>David Anthony (Con)            Ralph Bagge (Con)            Lesley Clarke (Con)            Robert Jones (Con)            Peter Martin (Con)            Richard Newcombe (Con)            Graham Peart (Con)</p>

	<p>Ray Sangster (Con)  Ashley Waite (Con)  Anders Christensen (All)  Mike Smith (All)  Robin Stuchbury (Lab)</p>
Standards (14)	<p><i>11 Conservative; 2 Alliance; 1 Ungrouped</i></p> <p>Shade Adoh (Con)  Mike Appleyard (Con)  Jenny Bloom (Con)  Alex Collingwood (Con)  Carl Etholen (Con)  Graham Harris (Con)  Graham Moore (Con)  Howard Mordue (Con)  Linda Smith (Con)  Mike Stannard (Con)  Jonathan Walters (Con)  Matt Knight (All)  Steven Lambert (All)  Brian Adams</p>
Licensing (15)	<p><i>12 Conservative; 2 Alliance; 1 Ungrouped</i></p> <p>Dominic Barnes (Con)  Mahboob Hussain (Con)  Carl Jackson (Con)  Neil Marshall (Con)  Ian McEnnis (Con)  Gary Powell (Con)  John Read (Con)  Susan Renshell (Con)  Jonathan Rush (Con)  Nick Southworth (Con)  Sir Beville Stanier (Con)  Heather Wallace (Con)  Steven Lambert (All)  Susan Morgan (All)  Jacquetta Lowen-Cooper</p>
Central Buckinghamshire Area Planning Committee (12)	<p><i>9 Conservative; 2 Alliance; 1 Labour</i></p> <p>Judy Brandis (Con)  Brian Foster (Con)  Richard Newcombe (Con)  Carole Paternoster (Con)</p>

	<p>Brian Roberts (Con)  Barbara Russel (Con)  Peter Strachan (Con)  Julie Ward (Con)  Mark Winn (Con)  Peter Cooper (All)  Raj Khan (All)  Mark Bateman (Lab)</p>
<p>North Buckinghamshire Area Planning Committee (12)</p>	<p><i>9 Conservative; 2 Alliance; 1 Labour</i></p> <p>Ashley Bond (Con)  Charlie Clare (Con)  Patrick Fealey (Con)  Netta Glover (Con)  Tim Mills (Con)  Howard Mordue (Con)  Michael Rand (Con)  Susan Renshell (Con)  Anne Wight (Con)  Llew Monger (All)  Susan Morgan (All)  Robin Stuchbury (Lab)</p>
<p>East Buckinghamshire Area Planning Committee (12)</p>	<p><i>10 Conservative; 2 Alliance</i></p> <p>Des Bray (Con)  Julia Burton (Con)  John Gladwin (Con)  Caroline Jones (Con)  Jane MacBean (Con)  Don Phillips (Con)  Nick Rose (Con)  Jonathan Rush (Con)  Jonathan Waters (Con)  John Wertheim (Con)  Peter Jones (All)  Mark Titterington (All)</p>
<p>West Buckinghamshire Area Planning Committee (12)</p>	<p><i>9 Conservative; 2 Alliance; 1 Labour</i></p> <p>Julia Adey (Con)  Marten Clarke (Con)  Gary Hall (Con)  Sarfaraz Khan Raja (Con)  Julia Langley (Con)</p>

	<p>Saeed Saddique (Con)  Nigel Teesdale (Con)  Paul Turner (Con)  Chris Whitehead (Con)  Andrea Baughan (All)  Ray Farmer (All)  Mohammed Asif (Lab)</p>
<p>South Buckinghamshire Area Planning Committee (10)</p>	<p><i>8 Conservative; 2 Alliance</i></p> <p>David Anthony (Con)  Malcolm Bradford (Con)  Santokh Chhoker (Con)  Trevor Egleton (Con)  Barbara Gibbs (Con)  Guy Hollis (Con)  Marlene Lewis (Con)  Wendy Matthews (Con)  Paul Griffin (All)  Roger Reed (All)</p>

**Buckinghamshire & Milton Keynes Fire Authority** (*8 Conservative; 2 Alliance; 1 Labour*)

The County Council has 11 places on the Fire Authority which, applying the rules on proportionality, results in the following distribution of seats across the groups. The nominations received from political groups in line with proportionality are as follows:

David Carroll (Con)  
Lesley Clarke (Con)  
Andrew Cole (Con)  
Gary Hall (Con)  
Mahboob Hussain (Con)  
Wendy Mallen (Con)  
Tim Mills (Con)  
Liz Walsh (Con)  
Anders Christensen (All)  
Steven Lambert (All)  
Robin Stuchbury (Lab)



## High Wycombe Town Committee

Membership of the High Wycombe Town Committee is not determined according to proportionality arrangements and consists of those Members whose former electoral wards or divisions include all or part of the unparished area.

Khalil Ahmed (Lab)  
Zia Ahmed (Con)  
Mohammed Asif (Lab)  
Andrea Baughan (Wyc Ind)  
Harry Bull (Con)  
Lesley Clarke OBE (Con)  
Marten Clarke (Con)  
Matthew Davy (Con)  
Ray Farmer (Lib Dem)  
Sebert Graham (Lab)  
Tony Green (Con)  
Mohammed Hanif (Lab)  
Muhammad Abdullah Hashmi (Lab)  
Darren Hayday (Ind)  
Alan Hill (Con)  
Arif Hussain (Con)  
Mahboob Hussain (Con)  
Majid Hussain (Lab)  
Maz Hussain (Con)  
Matt Knight (Wyc Ind)  
Wendy Mallen (Con)  
Brian Pearce (Wyc Ind)  
Sarfaraz Khan Raja (Con)  
Rafiq Raja (Lab)  
David Shakespeare (Con)  
Nigel Teesdale (Con)  
Julia Wassell (Wyc Ind)

### Appendix 3 – Appointments to Scrutiny Committees 2020/21

<b>Committee</b>	<b>Nominations</b>
Health & Adult Social Care (15)	<p><i>12 Conservative; 2 Alliance; 1 Labour</i></p> <p>Zia Ahmed (Con)            Patricia Birchley (Con)            Malcolm Bradford (Con)            Jane MacBean (Con)            Mike Collins (Con)            Guy Hollis (Con)            Sandra Jenkins (Con)            Gary Powell (Con)            Brian Roberts (Con)            Alan Turner (Con)            Liz Walsh (Con)            Lawrence Wood (Con)            Alan Bacon (All)            Julia Wassell (All)            Khalil Ahmed (Lab)</p>
Children and Education (15)	<p><i>12 Conservative; 2 Alliance; 1 Labour</i></p> <p>Shade Adoh (Con)            Dominic Barnes (Con)            Mike Collins (Con)            Emily Culverhouse (Con)            Dev Dhillon (Con)            Brian Foster (Con)            Arif Hussain (Con)            David Johncock (Con)            Robert Jones (Con)            Paul Kelly (Con)            Paul Turner (Con)            Julie Ward (Con)            Niknam Hussain (All)            Sally-Ann Jarvis (All)            Robin Stuchbury (Lab)</p>
Transport, Environment and Climate Change (15)	<p><i>12 Conservative; 2 Alliance; 1 Labour</i></p> <p>Steven Broadbent (Con)            Charlie Clare (Con)            Andrew Cole (Con)            Gary Hall (Con)            Alan Hill (Con)</p>

	<p>Maz Hussain (Con)  Carl Jackson (Con)  Sandra Jenkins (Con)  Peter Martin (Con)  Wendy Matthews (Con)  Mike Smith (Con)  Peter Strachan (Con)  David Lyons (All)  Mark Titterington (All)  Majid Hussain (Lab)</p>
Communities and Localism (15)	<p><i>11 Conservative; 3 Alliance; 1 Labour</i></p> <p>Emily Culverhouse (Con)  Mimi Harker (Con)  Paul Irwin (Con)  Paul Kelly (Con)  Marlene Lewis (Con)  Graham Peart (Con)  Barbara Russel (Con)  Linda Smith (Con)  Luisa Sullivan (Con)  Ashley Waite (Con)  Liz Walsh (Con)  Tom Hunter-Watts (All)  Waheed Raja (All)  Julia Wassell (All)  M Abdullah Hashmi (Lab)</p>
Growth, Infrastructure and Housing (15)	<p><i>12 Conservative; 2 Alliance; 1 Labour</i></p> <p>Zia Ahmed (Con)  Dominic Barnes (Con)  David Carroll (Con)  Sue Chapple (Con)  David Knights (Con)  Marlene Lewis (Con)  Neil Marshall (Con)  Graham Moore (Con)  Chris Poll (Con)  Brian Roberts (Con)  Caroline Rouse (Con)  Mark Winn (Con)  Matt Knight (All)  Llew Monger (All)  Rafiq Raja (Lab)</p>



Finance and Resources (15)	<p><i>12 Conservative; 2 Alliance; 1 Labour</i></p> <p>David Anthony (Con) Ralph Bagge (Con) Tim Butcher (Con) Santokh Chhoker (Con) Ron Gaffney (Con) Graham Harris (Con) Jilly Jordan (Con) Howard Mordue (Con) Brian Roberts (Con) David Shakespeare (Con) Mike Stannard (Con) Chris Whitehead (Con) Anders Christensen (All) Mike Smith (All) Mark Bateman (Lab)</p>
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