

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE AND DIRECTOR OF LAW AND GOVERNANCE

POLITICAL BALANCE AND ALLOCATION OF COMMITTEE SEATS

Introduction

1. The purpose of this supplementary report is to set out the allocation of seats on committees subject to political balance arrangements. This information was not available at the time when the agenda for this meeting was circulated.

Background

2. The legal requirements have previously been set out in the main report.

Committee Size and Allocation of Seats

3. In order to reconstitute the Council's committees in accordance with the committee structure set out in the Council's Constitution as currently drafted, the Council must determine the number of members to serve on each committee and the allocation of committee places between the political groups.
4. In accordance with the legislation, the Council is under a duty to apply the following principles to the allocation of seats as far as is reasonably practicable:
 - (a) that not all the seats on the body are allocated to the same political group;
 - (b) that the majority of the seats on the body is allocated to a particular political group if the number of persons belonging to that group is a majority of the authority's membership;
 - (c) subject to paragraphs (a) and (b) above, that the number of seats on the ordinary committees of a relevant authority which are allocated to each political group bears the same proportion to the total of all the seats on the ordinary committees of that authority as is borne by the number of members of that group to the membership of the authority; and
 - (d) subject to paragraphs (a) to (c) above, that the number of the seats on the body which are allocated to each political group bears the same proportion to the number of all the seats on that body as is borne by the number of members of that group to the membership of the authority.
5. The size of each Committee and allocation of seats is as follows:

Committee	Reform	Cons	Lib Dem	Lab	Green	Ind	Total
Scrutiny Commission	6	4	3	0	0	0	13
Adults and Communities OSC	6	4	3	0	0	0	13
Children and Families OSC	6	4	2	0	0	1	13
Environment and Climate Change OSC	6	3	2	1	1	0	13
Health OSC	6	3	3	1	0	0	13
Highways and Transport OSC	6	4	3	0	0	0	13
DCRB	6	3	3	1	0	0	13
Constitution Committee	1	1	1	0	0	0	3
Employment Committee	6	3	2	1	0	1	13
Local Pension Committee	2	2	1	0	0	0	5
Corporate Governance Committee	6	3	2	1	1	0	13

Membership of Committees

6. The lists setting out membership of the Scrutiny Commission, Boards and Committees (including the naming of Spokesmen/Spokespersons) is the subject of a separate agenda item and will be attached to the Order Paper and tabled on the day of the Council meeting.

Resource Implications

7. There are no resources implications arising from the recommendations in this report.

Equality Implications

8. There are no discernible equality implications arising from the recommendations in this report.

Human Rights Implications

9. There are no discernible human rights implications arising from the recommendations in this report.

(Motion to be moved: -

(a) That the Council's political balance following the results of the local election held on 1 May 2025 be noted;

(b) That the allocation of seats on those committees subject to political balance arrangements be approved.)

Background Papers

The Constitution of the County Council

<https://democracy.leics.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=1187&MId=8155&Ver=4&Info=1>

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