

Appointment to Committees 2009/2010

Item for Decision:	To approve the schedule of Committee Memberships for 2009/2010 Municipal Year, including the appointment of Independent Members to the Standards Committee
Contributors	Chief Executive
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Financial Implications:	Payment of Members allowances including allowances to independent members as set out within Section 6 of the Council's Constitution and as set out within the approved budget
Council Priorities:	RES1
Recommendations:	RECOMMENDED that: (a) the schedule of Committee Membership as set out in Appendix 1 be approved; and (b) the Independent Members of the Standards Committee as set out in paragraph 7.4 be appointed for a four year term of office

1. Applicable Lead Member Area

1.1 Resources

2. Crime and Disorder – Section 17 Implications

2.1 There are no crime and disorder reduction implications associated with this report.

3. Equalities Implications

3.1 The appointment was advertised and appointed inline with the Council's Constitution.

4. Risk Implications

4.1 It is a requirement to have at least 25% of the Standards Committee made up of Independent Members to be appointed for the Council's Standards Committee.

5. Introduction

5.1 Each year at the Annual Council Meeting the Council appoints Members to individual Committees in line with the allocation of seats to political groups (political balance).

6. The Standards Committee

6.1 It is a legal requirement that the Council's Standards Committee comprises a number of Independent Members. That number is three for the Council.

6.2 At its Annual Meeting in 2007 the Council agreed a strategy for a rolling programme of appointments regarding the Independent Members. That strategy called for appointments of one year, two years and four years. Successive appointments to each office would be for a four year term.

6.3 Mr Alan Leeson was duly appointed for a four year term. Mr David Atkinson was duly appointed for a two year term (and currently holds the position of Chairman of the Standards Committee). The one year term was taken by the Honourable

Geoffrey Beck. Last year the Council confirmed the appointment of Geoffrey Beck for a four year term.

7. Appointment of Independent Members to the Standards Committee

- 7.1 The two year term of office of David Atkinson comes to an end in May 2009. He has applied to remain as an Independent Member for a new four term of office and it is recommended that Council supports such appointment. Mr Atkinson will have to stand down as Chairman of the Standards Committee in accordance with the provisions of the Council's Constitution.
- 7.2 As a result of business commitments, the Honourable Geoffrey Beck will not be able to continue as a Member of the Standards Committee and arising from his resignation, the Council advertised for a new Independent Member to join the Standards Committee. In response to the public advertisement, Philip Goodall applied for the position as an Independent Member. Following an interview presided over by the Chief Executive, Monitoring Officer and Deputy Monitoring Officer, he has signalled a willingness to serve as an Independent Member.
- 7.3 Philip Goodall has served previously as an independent member on the Standards Committee for Poole Borough Council and has been Chairman of that Committee for the past two years. He will now be standing down from membership of that Committee. He has previously attended Code of Conduct training events and meetings of Independent Members for Dorset. Philip currently lives in West Canford Heath, Poole and is the Chairman of the Canford Heath Neighbourhood Watch and a Member of the Scouting Fellowship.
- 7.4 The Chief Executive recommends to the Council the appointment of Philip Goodall and David Atkinson as Independent Members for the Standards Committee. Both appointments will be for a four year term. To be accepted the Council is required to approve the appointment by a majority of members of the Council.

8. Committee Membership 2009/2010

- 8.1 It is proposed that the Committee Membership be appointed as set out in Appendix 1, and inline with the political balance.

9. Appendices

- 9.1 Appendix 1 – Committee Membership 2009/2010

10. Background Papers

- 8.1 There are none

COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP 2009/10**Policy & Resources Committee**

18 Members
(C:13 – L:5)
Malcolm Birr
Derek Burt
Lucy Clark
Alex Clarke
Janet Dover
Mike Dyer
Sally Elliot
Spencer Flower
Stewart Hearn
Anne Holland
Pat Hymers
John Little
Barbara Manuel
David Packer
Pauline Reynolds
George Russell
Simon Tong
Don Wallace

Planning Committee

16 Members
(C:11 – L:5)
Derek Burt
Toni Coombs
Mike Dyer
Spencer Flower
Jean Hazel
Stewart Hearn
Pete Holden
Anne Holland
Pat Hymers
Ian Monks
Boyd Mortimer
Pauline Reynolds
Peter Richardson
Simon Tong
Don Wallace
Ann Warman

Licensing Committee

12 Members
(C:8 – L:4)
Malcolm Birr
Alex Clarke
Queenie Comfort
Ray Dudman
Jean Hazel
Anne Holland
John Little
David Morgan
Marilyn Osner
David Packer
Peter Richardson
Nick Smith

Audit Committee

7 Members
(C:5 – L:2)

Paul Bennett
Phillip Cuckston
Ray Dudman
Paul Holland
Tim Palmer
Michael Simper
Ann Warman

Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee

18 Members
(C:12 – L:6)

Paul Bennett
Queenie Comfort
Toni Coombs
Phillip Cuckston
Ronald Daw
Ray Dudman
Jean Hazel
Pete Holden
Paul Holland
Ian Monks
David Morgan
Boyd Mortimer
Marilyn Osner
Tim Palmer
Peter Richardson
Michael Simper
Nick Smith
Ann Warman

Standards Committee

3 Members
Political Balance – Not applicable

Ronald Daw
Janet Dover
Sally Elliot

Standing Panel for Senior Officers

3 Members
(C:2 – L:1)

Leader of the Council
Deputy Leader of the Council
Leader of the Opposition

Two substitutes;
• Lead Member for Resources
• Person appointed by the Opposition Party

*Changes made from the 2008/2009 Committee Membership are indicated in italics.