

26 May 2021	ITEM: 10
Annual Council	
Allocation of Committee Seats and Committee Appointments	
Wards and communities affected: None	Key Decision: Not Applicable
Report of: Lyn Carpenter, Chief Executive	
Accountable Assistant Director: Ian Hunt, Assistant Director of Law & Governance and Monitoring Officer	
Accountable Director: Lyn Carpenter, Chief Executive	
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Executive Summary

This report requests the Council to confirm the calculations relating to the allocation of seats on committees and to appoint the nominations of political groups to committees. The report also requests the Council to appoint the Chairs and Vice-Chairs of certain committees.

1. Recommendation(s)

- 1.1 That the allocation of seats, as set out in Appendix 1, be approved.
- 1.2 That the nominations of the political groups to seats on committees be approved, as set out in Appendix 2 (to be tabled when nominations are received).
- 1.3 That the non-voting co-opted members of the Planning Committee, the Standards and Audit Committee, the Health and Wellbeing Overview and Scrutiny Committee, the Housing Overview and Scrutiny Committee, the Children’s Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee and the Corporate Parenting Committee be appointed, as set out in Appendix 2.
- 1.4 That the Chairs and Vice-Chairs of committees be appointed, as set out in Appendix 3 (to be tabled when nominations are received).

2. Introduction and Background

- 2.1 Political Groups on the Council are formed in accordance with the Local Government (Committees and Political Groups) Regulations 1990 when two

or more councillors notify the Chief Executive, as Proper Officer, of their wish to be treated as a group.

- 2.2 Section 15 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 imposes a duty on the local authority at the annual meeting, or as soon as possible after it, to review the allocation of seats on the committees of the Council between the political groups. The Council may carry out such a review and any other time and may do so if requested by a political group.
- 2.3 The following principles apply to the allocation of seats:
 - (a) That not all the seats on the body to which appointments are being made are allocated to the same political group;
 - (b) That the majority of seats on each committee are allocated to a particular group if the number of persons belonging to that group is a majority of the authority's membership;
 - (c) That, subject to (a) and (b), when allocating seats to a political group, the total number of their seats across all the ordinary committees of the Council, must reflect their proportion of the authority's membership; and
 - (d) Subject to (a) to (c), that the number of seats on each committee is as far as possible in proportion to the group's membership of the authority.
- 2.4 Sub-committees, with the exception of the Licensing Sub-Committee, are also governed by the political balance rules, but it is not necessary to add up all the sub-committee seats and then allocate them in proportion. As far as this is practicable, the allocation of seats on each sub-committee should reflect the proportional representation of the political groups on the Council.
- 2.5 The Local Government and Housing Act 1989 requires that, once the Council has determined the allocation of committee places between the political groups, the Council must then appoint the nominees of the political groups to the committees.
- 2.6 Any non-aligned members are to be appointed to available seats on committees by the Council.
- 2.7 The Cabinet and the Health and Wellbeing Board are not required to be proportional and so are outside of the political balance calculation.
- 2.8 The Leader of the Council appoints the Cabinet and, in accordance with the Terms of Reference, will also make nominations to the 5 places available on the Health and Wellbeing Board, with the latter to be agreed by the Council.
- 2.9 It is open to the Council when carrying out a review to adopt some arrangement other than that prescribed by the Act and the Regulations. Notice of such a proposal would have to be given in the Summons, and a decision would need to be made with no one voting against it. The remainder

of this report therefore assumes that the Council will not want an alternative arrangement to that prescribed by law.

Political proportionality

- 2.10 The political balance of the Council can be calculated by using the simple formula below (to two decimal places):

$$\frac{\text{No. of Group Members} \times 100}{49}$$

- 2.11 Following the elections on 6 May the political proportionality of the council is as follows:

Group	Councillors	%
Labour	16	32.65%
Conservative	29	59.18%
Thurrock Independents	3	6.12%
Independent	1	2.05%
Total	49	100

- 2.12 The calculation to determine the strict entitlement of political groups to seats on committees is as follows:

$$\frac{\% \text{ from Table 1}}{100} \times \text{Total No. of seats available (81 seats)}$$

- 2.13 Those members who are not members of political groups have no legal entitlement to an allocation of seats on committees. However, the political groups are entitled to their proportion of seats and once their entitlement has been reached, the remaining seats may be filled by members not belonging to a political group. Such Members are classed as being non-aligned.
- 2.14 The LGA Independent Group has taken the view that in the true spirit of the Act, that morally or democratically, non-aligned councillors are entitled to fair representation. Groups are not entitled to have more than their share and thus they cannot exclude councillors that are not grouped i.e. single party councillors or non-aligned Independent councillors. For example in an authority of 49 councillors with one non-grouped councillor, the council must make 1/49 of the places available.

3. Issues, Options and Analysis of Options

3.1 The number of seats on committees that are available to be allocated amongst the political groups represented on the Council is 81.

3.2 Each of the political groups (formed when 2 or more councillors notify the Chief Executive, as Proper Officer, of their wish to be treated as a group) are entitled to a certain number of seats on committees. This is based upon their percentage representation on the Council as a whole, as detailed in Table 1 at paragraph 2.11 above.

3.3 The calculation to determine the entitlement of political groups to seats on committees is as follows:

$$\frac{\% \text{ from Table 1}}{100} \times \text{Total No. of seats available (81 seats)}$$

3.4 After undertaking the above calculation for each of the political groups represented on the Council, the entitlement to seats is as follows:

- Labour 26 seats
- Conservative 48 seats
- Thurrock Independent 5 seats
- Independent 2 seats

3.5 Each of the political groups and the non-aligned Member are only entitled to their proportion of seats.

3.6 In order to ascertain the number of seats to be allocated to political groups on each committee, the following calculation is required to be undertaken:

$$\frac{\% \text{ from Table 1}}{100} \times \text{No. of committee places available}$$

3.7 After applying the above calculation to each of the committees that have been established at Agenda Item 9, a 'strict seat entitlement' is arrived at for each party.

(a) 6 member committee – applies to all **Overview & Scrutiny committees and the Standards & Audit Committee**

- Lab 32.65 / 100 x 6 = 1.96 = **2 seat(s)**
- Con 59.18 / 100 x 6 = 3.55 = **4 seat(s)**
- TI 6.12 / 100 x 6 = 0.37 = **0 seat(s)**

(b) 7 member committee – applies to the **General Services Committee**

• Lab	$32.65 / 100 \times 7 =$	2.29 =	2 seat(s)
• Con	$59.18 / 100 \times 7 =$	4.14 =	4 seat(s)
• TI	$6.12 / 100 \times 7 =$	0.43 =	0 seat(s)

The unclaimed seat on this committee is dealt with in manual adjustment covered in 3.10 below.

(c) 8 member committee – applies to the **Corporate Parenting Committee**

• Lab	$32.65 / 100 \times 8 =$	2.61 =	3 seat(s)
• Con	$59.18 / 100 \times 8 =$	4.73 =	5 seat(s)
• TI	$6.12 / 100 \times 8 =$	0.49 =	0 seat(s)

(d) 9 member committee – applies to the **Planning Committee**

• Lab	$32.65 / 100 \times 9 =$	2.94 =	3 seat(s)
• Con	$59.18 / 100 \times 9 =$	5.33 =	5 seat(s)
• TI	$6.12 / 100 \times 9 =$	0.55 =	1 seat(s)

(e) 15 member committee – applies to the **Licensing Committee**

• Lab	$32.65 / 100 \times 15 =$	4.90 =	5 seat(s)
• Con	$59.18 / 100 \times 15 =$	8.88 =	9 seat(s)
• TI	$6.12 / 100 \times 15 =$	0.92 =	1 seat(s)

3.8 Non-Aligned Member –The Independent Member, as shown in Appendix 1, has the opportunity to claim 2 seats across committees. This is dealt with in the manual adjustment set out below.

3.9 **Appendix 1** shows the rounded and strict (statistical) allocation of seats to each political group. Manual adjustment is required to ensure that each group does not exceed its rounded entitlement through the strict statistical allocation.

3.10 From the figures set out in **Appendix 1**, manual adjustments are required. Group Leaders have been consulted and the following agreed:

- The Conservative Group will release 2 Licensing Committee seats and 1 Corporate Parenting Committee seat.
- The Labour Group will release 1 Licensing Committee seat.
- The Thurrock Independent Group will take 2 Licensing Committee seats and 1 Corporate Parenting Committee seat.

- The Ungrouped Member will take the remaining 1 Licensing Committee seat, as well as the unclaimed 1 seat on General Services Committee.
- 3.11 Group Leaders have been consulted in respect of the calculations set out at **Appendix 1**, together with the manual adjustments that are required in order to ensure that seats on committees are correctly allocated to each of the political groups.
- 3.12 Group Leaders have also been requested to provide nominations to the places on committees to which their respective groups are entitled.
- 3.13 The nominations of political groups to seats on committees and the nominations for Chair and Vice Chair of committees will be circulated at the meeting.

4. Reasons for Recommendation

- 4.1 The Council is required to make the required appointments to those committees that have been established to facilitate the efficient discharge of its functions, as set out in Agenda Item 9.

5. Consultation (including Overview and Scrutiny, if applicable)

- 5.1 Consultation has been undertaken in respect of this report with the Leaders of each of the political groups represented on the Council. Their agreement has been obtained to the calculations relating to the allocation of seats on committees and their respective nominations are put before Council for approval.

6. Impact on corporate policies, priorities, performance and community impact

- 6.1 Appointing members to those committees established at Agenda Item 9, in accordance with the political balance of the Council and associated allocation of seats on committees, will enable the Council to properly discharge its functions.

7. Implications

7.1 Financial

Implications verified by: **Dammy Adewole**
Senior Management Accountant – Central Services

The cost of servicing these committees will be met through the existing budgets.

7.2 Legal

Implications verified by: **Ian Hunt**
**Assistant Director of Legal Services and
Monitoring Officer**

These are set out in the body of the report.

7.3 Diversity and Equality

Implications verified by: **Roxanne Scanlon**
**Community Engagement and Project
Monitoring Officer**

The Council is under a statutory duty to ensure that equality and diversity is a key part of the decision making process of the Council. Therefore, attention is drawn to the importance of ensuring that appointments to committees are underpinned by appropriate training on the statutory equality framework. The introduction of essential member training provides the assurance that members of committees will be able to fulfil their obligations with a full understanding of equality and diversity issues. This is fundamental to the Council being able to meet its statutory responsibilities. However, consideration must be given to members not completing the training or not attending, and the steps to be taken in these circumstances, once the member has been appointed.

7.4 Other implications (where significant) – i.e. Staff, Health, Sustainability, Crime and Disorder)

None.

8. Background papers used in preparing the report (including their location on the Council's website or identification whether any are exempt or protected by copyright):

None.

9. Appendices to the report

There are the following appendices to this report:

Appendix 1 – Allocation of seats

Appendix 2 – Nominations of political groups to seats on Committees (to be circulated at the meeting)

Appendix 3 – Appointment of Chairs and Vice-Chairs of Committees (to be circulated at the meeting)

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APPENDIX 1

Party Group	Number of members	Conservative		Labour		Thurrock Independents		Ungrouped / Seats to allocate	Total
		29		16		3			
Overall proportionality		0.591836735	59.18%	0.326530612	32.65%	0.06122449	6.12%		
Total strict entitlement		47.93877551		26.44897959		4.959183673			
Total rounded entitlement		48		26		5		79	2
Committee	Size of Committee	Strict entitlement	Rounded Entitlement	Strict entitlement	Rounded entitlement	Strict entitlement	Rounded entitlement	Total Rounded Entitlement	
Children's O&S	6	3.55	4	1.96	2	0.37	0	6	0
Cleaner & Greener O&S	6	3.55	4	1.96	2	0.37	0	6	0
Corporate O&S	6	3.55	4	1.96	2	0.37	0	6	0
Health O&S	6	3.55	4	1.96	2	0.37	0	6	0
Housing O&S	6	3.55	4	1.96	2	0.37	0	6	0
Planning, Transport & Regeneration O&S	6	3.55	4	1.96	2	0.37	0	6	0
Planning	9	5.33	5	2.94	3	0.55	1	9	0
Licensing	15	8.88	9	4.90	5	0.92	1	15	0
General Services	7	4.14	4	2.29	2	0.43	0	6	1
Corporate Parenting	8	4.73	5	2.61	3	0.49	0	8	0
Standards & Audit	6	3.55	4	1.96	2	0.37	0	6	0
Total seats	81		51		27		2	80	1
Adjustments			-3		-1		3		

Notes:

- 1 The total rounded entitlement of each party group is compared with the total number of seats allocated to that group. The allocations are then adjusted manually to ensure that the number of seats allocated to a particular group matches their entitlement.
- 2 Compare total rounded entitlement of each party group (Row 7) with the total number of seats allocated to that group in Row 20. Then adjust the allocations manually to ensure that the number in Row 20 matches that in Row 7

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Supplementary information and nominations of Group Leaders for agenda items:

Item 10 - Allocation of Committee Seats and Committee Appointments

Item 11 - Appointments to Outside Bodies, Statutory and Other Panels

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Item 10 Allocation of Committee Seats and Committee Appointments

Appendix 2

Nominations to Committees for the municipal year 2021/22 can be found on **pages 3-11**.

Appendix 3

Nominations for Chair and Vice-Chair of Committees for the municipal year 2021/22 can be found on **pages 13-14**.

Item 11 Appointments to Outside Bodies, Statutory and Other Panels

Appendix 1

Nominations to Outside Bodies, Statutory and Other Panels 2021/22 can be found on **pages 15-23**.

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Appointments to Committees 2021/22

APPOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEES 2021/22

* Seat Award through manual adjustment

CHILDREN’S SERVICES OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE (6 Members)

Allocation of seats: Conservative – 4 Labour – 2 Thurrock Independents – 0 Independents – 0

	Conservative	Labour	Thurrock Independents	Independents	Co-opted
1.	Cllr Abbie Akinbohun	Cllr Sara Muldowney			1. Vacant (Roman Catholic Church Representative) 2. Sarah Barlow (Church of England Representative) 3. Nicola Cranch (Parent Governor Representative) 4. Sally Khawaja (Parent Governor Representative) 5. Kim James (HealthWatch Representative)
2.	Cllr Alex Anderson	Cllr Lee Watson			
3.	Cllr Susan Little				
4.	Cllr Maureen Pearce				
5.					
6.					
	Substitutes	Substitutes	Substitutes	Substitutes	
1.	Cllr Augustine Ononaji	Cllr Lynn Worrall			
2.	Cllr Elizabeth Rigby				
3.	Cllr James Thandi				

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CLEANER, GREENER AND SAFER OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE (6 Members)

Allocation of seats: Conservative – 4 Labour – 2 Thurrock Independents – 0 Independents – 0

	Conservative	Labour	Thurrock Independents	Independents
1.	Cllr Maureen Pearce	Cllr Jane Pothecary		
2.	Cllr Terry Piccolo	Cllr Steve Liddiard		
3.	Cllr Joy Redsell			
4.	Cllr James Thandi			
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	Substitutes	Substitutes	Substitutes	Substitutes
1.	Cllr Alex Anderson	Cllr Victoria Holloway		
2.	Cllr James Halden			
3.	Cllr Graham Snell			

CORPORATE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE (6 Members)

Allocation of seats: Conservative – 4 Labour – 2 Thurrock Independents – 0 Independents – 0

	Conservative	Labour	Thurrock Independents	Independents
1.	Cllr Adam Carter	Cllr John Kent		
2.	Cllr Colin Churchman	Cllr Bukky Okunade		
3.	Cllr James Halden			
4.	Cllr Susan Little			
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6.				
	Substitutes	Substitutes	Substitutes	Substitutes
1.	Cllr Abbie Akinbohun	Cllr Sara Muldowney		
2.	Cllr Gary Collins			
3.	Cllr Graham Snell			

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CORPORATE PARENTING COMMITTEE (8 Members)

Allocation of seats: Conservative – 4 Labour – 3 Thurrock Independents – 1 Independents – 0

	Conservative	Labour	Thurrock Independents	Independents	Co-opted
1.	Cllr Abbie Akinbohun	Cllr Kairen Raper	Cllr Jennifer Smith*		1. Annie Guidotti (Representative from Open Door) 2. Rafael Antunes and Christopher Bennett (Chair and/or Vice-Chair of the Children in Care Council) 3. Sharon Smith (Chair of The One Team, Foster Carers Association) 4. Jenny Joslin (Vice-Chair of The One Team, Foster Carers Association)
2.	Cllr Adam Carter	Cllr Sara Muldowney			
3.	Cllr Susan Little	Cllr Jane Potheary			
4.	Cllr Georgette Polley				
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	Substitutes	Substitutes	Substitutes	Substitutes	
1.	Cllr Maureen Pearce	Cllr John Kent			
2.	Cllr Joy Redsell				
3.	Cllr Elizabeth Rigby				

APPOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEES 2021/22

GENERAL SERVICES COMMITTEE (7 Members)

Allocation of seats: Conservative – 4 Labour – 2 Thurrock Independents – 0 Independents – 1

	Conservative	Labour	Thurrock Independents	Independents
1.	Cllr Mark Coxshall	Cllr John Kent		Cllr Fraser Massey*
2.	Cllr Robert Gledhill	Cllr Victoria Holloway		
3.	Cllr Shane Hebb			
4.	Cllr Barry Johnson			
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7.				
	Substitutes	Substitutes	Substitutes	Substitutes
1.	Cllr Jack Duffin	Cllr Lynn Worrall		
2.	Cllr Deborah Huelin			
3.	Cllr Andrew Jefferies			
4.	Cllr Luke Spillman			

HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD (5 Members)

In accordance with paragraph 4.5 of the terms of reference for the Board, elected Members will be nominated by the Leader of the Council. The terms of reference restrict the nominations that may be made to the Leader of the Council (a mandatory member of the Board), the Portfolio Holder for Children and Adult Social Care and Opposition Group Representatives.

	Conservative	Labour	Thurrock Independents	Independents
1.	Cllr Robert Gledhill			
2.	Cllr Barry Johnson			
3.	Cllr Deborah Huelin			
4.				
5.				

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HEALTH AND WELLBEING OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE (6 Members)

Allocation of seats: Conservative – 4 Labour – 2 Thurrock Independents – 0 Independents – 0

	Conservative	Labour	Thurrock Independents	Independents	Co-opted
1.	Cllr Georgette Polley	Cllr Victoria Holloway			1. Kim James (HealthWatch)
2.	Cllr Shane Ralph	Cllr Tony Fish			
3.	Cllr Elizabeth Rigby				
4.	Cllr Sue Sammons				
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	Substitutes	Substitutes	Substitutes	Substitutes	2. Neil Woodbridge (Thurrock Lifestyle Solutions)
1.	Cllr Alex Anderson	Cllr Sara Muldowney			
2.	Cllr Terry Piccolo				
3.	Cllr Graham Snell				

HOUSING OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE (6 Members)

Allocation of seats: Conservative – 4 Labour – 2 Thurrock Independents – 0 Independents – 0

	Conservative	Labour	Thurrock Independents	Independents	Co-opted
1.	Cllr Augustine Ononaji	Cllr Mike Fletcher			1. Lynn Mansfield (Housing Tenant Representative)
2.	Cllr Maureen Pearce	Cllr Lynn Worrall			
3.	Cllr Joy Redsell				
4.	Cllr David Van Day				
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6.					
	Substitutes	Substitutes	Substitutes	Substitutes	
1.	Cllr Adam Carter	Cllr Steve Liddiard			
2.	Cllr Georgette Polley				
3.	Cllr Elizabeth Rigby				

APPOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEES 2021/22

LICENSING COMMITTEE (15 Members)

Allocation of seats: Conservative – 7 Labour – 4 Thurrock Independents – 3 Independents – 1

	Conservative	Labour	Thurrock Independents	Independents
1.	Cllr Gary Collins	Cllr Tony Fish	Cllr Chris Baker	Cllr Fraser Massey*
2.	Cllr Augustine Ononaji	Cllr Qaisar Abbas	Vacant*	
3.	Cllr Ben Maney	Cllr Daniel Chukwu	Vacant*	
4.	Cllr Shane Ralph	Cllr Kairen Raper		
5.	Cllr Sue Sammons			
6.	Cllr Graham Snell			
7.	Cllr David Van Day			
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	Substitutes	Substitutes	Substitutes	Substitutes
1.	Cllr Abbie Akinbohun	Cllr Steve Liddiard		
2.	Cllr Tom Kelly			
3.	Cllr Robert Gledhill			

APPOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEES 2021/22

PLANNING COMMITTEE (9 Members)

Allocation of seats: Conservative – 5 Labour – 3 Thurrock Independents – 1 Independents – 0

	Conservative	Labour	Thurrock Independents	Independents	Co-opted
1.	Cllr Colin Churchman	Cllr Steve Liddiard	Cllr Gary Byrne		1. Vacant (representative from Thurrock Business Board) 2. Mr Steve Taylor (representative from the Campaign to Protect Rural England)
2.	Cllr James Halden	Cllr Mike Fletcher			
3.	Cllr Tom Kelly	Cllr Lee Watson			
4.	Cllr Terry Piccolo				
5.	Cllr Georgette Polley				
6.					
7.					
8.					
9.					
	Substitutes	Substitutes	Substitutes	Substitutes	
1.	Cllr Abbie Akinbohun	Cllr Qaisar Abbas			
2.	Cllr Susan Little	Cllr Bukky Okunade			
3.	Cllr Elizabeth Rigby				

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PLANNING, TRANSPORT, REGENERATION OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE (6 Members)

Allocation of seats: Conservative – 4 Labour – 2 Thurrock Independents – 0 Independents – 0

	Conservative	Labour	Thurrock Independents	Independents
1.	Cllr Alex Anderson	Cllr Martin Kerin		
2.	Cllr Tom Kelly	Cllr Lee Watson		
3.	Cllr Graham Snell			
4.	Cllr David Van Day			
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6.				
	Substitutes	Substitutes	Substitutes	Substitutes
1.	Cllr Adam Carter	Cllr Qaisar Abbas		
2.	Cllr Colin Churchman			
3.	Cllr Maureen Pearce			

STANDARDS AND AUDIT COMMITTEE (6 Members)

Allocation of seats: Conservative – 4 Labour – 2 Thurrock Independents – 0 Independents – 0

	Conservative	Labour	Thurrock Independents	Independents	Co-opted
1.	Cllr Gary Collins	Cllr Cathy Kent			1. Mrs L Laybourn 2. Mrs V Thuvaragan
2.	Cllr Augustine Ononaji	Cllr Kairen Raper			
3.	Cllr Graham Snell				
4.	Cllr Adam Carter				
5.					
6.					
	Substitutes	Substitutes	Substitutes	Substitutes	
1.	Cllr Shane Ralph	Cllr John Kent			
2.	Cllr Sue Sammons				
3.	Cllr David Van Day				

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Appointment of Chair and Vice-Chair of Committees 2021/22

Nominations for Chair

Committee	Nominations for Chair	Contested
Children's Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee	1. Cllr Sara Muldowney	NO
Cleaner, Greener and Safer Overview and Scrutiny Committee	1. Cllr Joy Redsell	NO
Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee	1. Cllr Susan Little	NO
Health and Wellbeing Overview and Scrutiny Committee	1. Cllr Shane Ralph	NO
Housing Overview and Scrutiny Committee	1. Cllr Lynn Worrall	NO
Planning, Transport, Regeneration Overview and Scrutiny Committee	1. Cllr Alex Anderson	NO
Corporate Parenting Committee	1. Cllr Abbie Akinbohun	NO
General Services Committee	1. Cllr Robert Gledhill	NO
Health and Wellbeing Board * * The Chair will be the Portfolio Holder for Children and Adult Social Care and shall be appointed by the Council	1. Cllr Deborah Huelin	NO
Licensing Committee	1. Cllr Gary Collins	NO
Planning Committee	1. Cllr Tom Kelly	NO
Standards and Audit Committee	1. Cllr Cathy Kent	NO

Nominations for Vice Chair

Committee	Nominations for Vice Chair	Contested
Children's Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee	1. VACANT	VACANT
Cleaner, Greener and Safer Overview and Scrutiny Committee	1. Cllr Jane Potheary	NO
Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee	1. Cllr Colin Churchman	NO
Health and Wellbeing Overview and Scrutiny Committee	1. Cllr Elizabeth Rigby 2. Cllr Victoria Holloway	YES
Housing Overview and Scrutiny Committee	1. Cllr Augustine Ononaji	NO
Planning, Transport, Regeneration Overview and Scrutiny Committee	1. Cllr David Van Day	NO
Corporate Parenting Committee	1. Cllr Jennifer Smith	NO
General Services Committee	1. Cllr John Kent	NO
Licensing Committee	1. Cllr Tony Fish	NO
Planning Committee	1. Cllr Gary Byrne 2. Cllr Steve Liddiard	YES
Standards and Audit Committee	1. Cllr Graham Snell	NO

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Nominations to Outside Bodies, Statutory and Other Panels 2021/22

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Appointments to be made by the Council

Campaign to Protect Rural Essex (ONE appointment to be made by the Council for a 1 year term of office)

Labour	Conservative	Thurrock Independents	Independents	Contested
1. Cllr Lee Watson	1. Cllr Shane Ralph	1.	1.	YES

East Thurrock Community Association (ONE appointment to be made by the Council for a 1 year term of office)

Labour	Conservative	Thurrock Independents	Independents	Contested
1.	1. Cllr Terry Piccolo	1. Cllr Gary Byrne	1.	YES

Essex Partnership University Trust (ONE appointment to be made by the Council for a 3 year term of office)

Labour	Conservative	Thurrock Independents	Independents	Contested
1.	1.	1.	1.	VACANT

Essex Police, Fire and Crime Panel (ONE appointment to be made by the Council for a 1 year term of office)

Labour	Conservative	Thurrock Independents	Independents	Contested
1.	1. Cllr Gary Collins	1.	1.	NO

Impulse Leisure (ONE appointment to be made by the Council for the term of office of the Member. A further appointment is required to be made by the Cabinet)

Labour	Conservative	Thurrock Independents	Independents	Contested
1. Lynn Worrall	1.	1.	1.	NO

Kent & Essex Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authority (ONE appointment to be made by the Council for a 4 year term of office)

Labour	Conservative	Thurrock Independents	Independents	Contested
1.	1.	1.	1.	VACANT

Local Government Association (ONE appointment to be made by the Council for a 1 year term of office. A further two appointments are required to be made by the Cabinet)

Labour	Conservative	Thurrock Independents	Independents	Contested
1. Cllr John Kent	1.	1.	1.	NO

Local Government Association General Assembly (FOUR appointments to be made by the Council for a 1 year term of office)

Labour	Conservative	Thurrock Independents	Independents	Contested
1.	1. Cllr Robert Gledhill	1.	1.	NO
2	2. Cllr Mark Coxshall	2.	2.	NO
3. Cllr John Kent	3.	3.	3.	NO
4. Cllr Steve Liddiard	4.	4.	4.	NO

Open Door (ONE appointment to be made by the Council for a 1 year term of office)

Labour	Conservative	Thurrock Independents	Independents	Contested
1.	1. Cllr Colin Churchman	1.	1.	NO

Opportunity South Essex (ONE appointment to be made by the Council for a 5 year term of office. ONE appointment is to be made by the Cabinet for the same term of office. The appointments to this Board are restricted to the Leader and Chief Executive)

Representative Appointed by the Council: Chief Executive (last appointed in 2016)

Lyn Carpenter, Chief Executive to be appointed in 2021 for a 5 year term of office.

Thurrock Arts Council (ONE appointment to be made by the Council for a 1 year term of office. A further appointment is required to be made by the Cabinet)

Labour	Conservative	Thurrock Independents	Independents	Contested
1. Cllr Lee Watson	1. Cllr David Van Day	1.	1.	YES

Thurrock Play Network (ONE appointment to be made by the Council for a 1 year term of office)

Labour	Conservative	Thurrock Independents	Independents	Contested
1. Cllr Sara Muldowney	1. Cllr Allen Mayes	1.	1.	YES

Thurrock Sports Council (FOUR appointments to be made by the Council for a 1 year term of office. A further appointment is required to be made by the Cabinet)

Labour	Conservative	Thurrock Independents	Independents	Contested
1.	1. Cllr Joy Redsell	1.	1.	NO
2.	2. Cllr Abbie Akinbohun	2.	2.	NO
3.	3.	3.	3.	VACANT
4.	4.	4.	4.	VACANT

West Tilbury Commons Conservators (ONE appointment to be made by the Council for a 1 year term of office)

Labour	Conservative	Thurrock Independents	Independents	Contested
1.	1. Cllr Sue Sammons	1.	1.	NO

William Palmer College Educational Trust (TWO appointments to be made by the Council for a 4 year term of office)

Labour	Conservative	Thurrock Independents	Independents	Contested
1.	1. Cllr Gary Collins	1.	1.	NO
2.	2.	2.	2.	VACANT

Statutory Panels and Other Groups to be appointed

Civic Awards Panel (FOUR appointments to be made by the Council for a 1 year term of office. Appointments will be required in alternate years)

Labour	Conservative	Thurrock Independents	Independent	Contested
1.	1. Cllr Joy Redsell	1.	1.	NO
2.	2. Cllr Terry Piccolo	2.	2.	NO
3. Cllr Tony Fish	3.	3.	3.	NO
4. Cllr Lynn Worrall	4.	4.	4.	NO

Fostering and Adoption Panel (ONE appointment to be made by the Council for a 3 year term of office)

Labour	Conservative	Thurrock Independents	Independents	Contested
1.	1. Cllr Susan Little	1.	1.	NO

Prevent Violent Extremism Members Working Group (SIX appointments to be made by the Council for a 1 year term of office)

Labour	Conservative	Thurrock Independents	Independents	Contested
1.	1. Cllr Gary Collins	1.	1.	NO
2.	2. Cllr Alex Anderson	2.	2.	NO
3.	3. Cllr Allen Mayes	3.	3.	NO
4.	4. Cllr Shane Ralph	4.	4.	NO
5.	5.	5.	5.	VACANT
6.	6.	6.	6.	VACANT

Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education (THREE appointments to be made by the Council for a 4 year term of office)

Labour	Conservative	Thurrock Independents	Independents	Contested
1. Cllr Martin Kerin <i>(until 2022)</i>	1.	1.	1.	NO
2.	2. Cllr Gary Collins <i>(until 2022)</i>	2.	2.	NO
3.	3.	3.	3.	VACANT

Lower Thames Crossing Task Force (NINE appointments to be made by the Council for a 1 year term of office – 3 Members from each Group)

Labour	Conservative	Thurrock Independents	Independents	Contested
1.	1. Cllr Sue Sammons	1.	1.	NO
2.	2. Cllr Terry Piccolo	2.	2.	NO
3.	3. Cllr Adam Carter	3.	3.	NO
4. Cllr John Kent	4.	4.	4.	NO
5. Cllr Daniel Chukwu	5.	5.	5.	NO
6. Cllr Sara Muldowney	6.	6.	6.	NO
7.	7.	7. Cllr Gary Byrne	7.	NO
8.	8.	8. Vacant	8.	VACANT
9.	9.	9.	9. Cllr Fraser Massey <i>(seat gifted by TIs)</i>	NO

Tilbury Community Local Development Action Group (ONE appointment to be made by the Council for a 1 year term of office)

Labour	Conservative	Thurrock Independents	Independents	Contested
1. Cllr Steve Liddiard	2. Cllr Deborah Huelin	1.	1.	YES

Local Development Plan Task Force (SIX appointments to be made by the Council for a 1 year term of office – political proportionality applies, For 21/22 this would be 4 Conservatives and 2 Labour)

Labour	Conservative	Thurrock Independents	Independents	Contested
1.	1. Cllr James Thandi	1.	1.	NO
2.	2. Cllr Joy Redsell	2.	2.	NO
3.	3. Cllr Alex Anderson	3.	3.	NO
4.	4. Cllr Gary Collins	4.	4.	NO
5. Cllr Martin Kerin	5.	5.	5.	NO
6. Cllr Lee Watson	6.	6.	6.	NO

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26 May 2021	ITEM: 11
Annual Council	
Appointments to Outside Bodies, Statutory and Other Panels	
Wards and communities affected: None	Key Decision: Not Applicable
Report of: Lyn Carpenter, Chief Executive	
Accountable Assistant Director: Ian Hunt, Assistant Director of Law & Governance and Monitoring Officer	
Accountable Director: Lyn Carpenter, Chief Executive	
This report is Public	

Executive Summary

This report requests the Council to consider the nominations made by Group Leaders to Outside Bodies, Statutory and Other Panels for those appointments that are to be made by Full Council.

1. Recommendation(s)

1.1 That the nominations to Outside Bodies, Statutory and Other Panels be approved (to be tabled when nominations are received).

2. Introduction and Background

2.1 Both the Full Council and the Cabinet have powers to appoint Members, officers and others to serve on Outside Bodies in a variety of capacities.

3. Issues, Options and Analysis of Options

3.1 Nominations have been sought from Group Leaders for the appointments to Outside Bodies, Statutory and Other Panels that are required to be made by the Council.

3.2 Those nominations will be tabled when nominations have been received from Group Leaders.

3.3 For certain outside bodies, statutory and other panels, it is considered to be a requirement that those Members appointed should be DBS checked before

they take up their role. This position is considered to be best practice and will specifically apply to the following:

- Fostering and Adoption Panel

Voting on appointments

- 3.4 The Constitution contains a procedure to be followed if there are more people nominated for any position(s) than there are position(s) to be filled (Chapter 2, part 2, Rule 20.9) and this will be applied in the event of any places on Outside Bodies, Statutory and Other Panels being contested.
- 3.5 If there is not a clear majority of votes in favour of the required number of people, then the name of the person with the least number of votes will be taken off the list and a new vote taken. The process will continue until there is a majority of votes for one person.
- 3.6 Where there is an equality of votes for a person to continue in the appointment process, a vote shall be taken between those candidates having an equality of votes to determine which candidate shall continue in the appointment process.

Changes to appointments made

- 3.7 Any changes to the appointments made will require the approval of the appointing body, be this Full Council or Cabinet.

Reports from Members appointed to Outside Bodies

- 3.8 There is an expectation that Members appointed to represent the Council on Outside Bodies will report back to the Council at least annually.

4. Reasons for Recommendation

- 4.1 The Council should ensure that it continues to nominate representatives to sit on Outside Bodies, Statutory and other Panels so that its interests can be properly represented, together with those of the wider community.

5. Consultation (including Overview and Scrutiny, if applicable)

- 5.1 In the course of seeking nominations, consultation has been undertaken with the Leaders of each of the political groups represented on the Council.

6. Impact on corporate policies, priorities, performance and community impact

- 6.1 It is important for the Council to nominate to such bodies in order to ensure that it continues to represent the interests of both the Authority and the wider community.

7. Implications

7.1 Financial

Implications verified by: **Dammy Adewole**
Senior Management Accountant – Central Services

There are no financial implications arising from this report.

7.2 Legal

Implications verified by: **Ian Hunt**
Assistant Director of Legal Services and Monitoring Officer

It is important that Members are correctly appointed, through the relevant Council meeting, to ensure they are indemnified in certain circumstances.

7.3 Diversity and Equality

Implications verified by: **Roxanne Scanlon**
Community Engagement and Project Monitoring Officer

The Council is under a statutory duty to ensure that equality and diversity is a key part of the decision making process of the Council. Therefore attention is drawn to the importance of ensuring that appointments to Outside Bodies, Statutory and Other Panels are underpinned by appropriate training on the statutory equality framework.

7.4 Other implications (where significant) – i.e. Staff, Health, Sustainability, Crime and Disorder)

None.

8. Background papers used in preparing the report (including their location on the Council's website or identification whether any are exempt or protected by copyright):

None.

9. Appendices to the report

Appendix 1 – The nominations of political groups to Outside Bodies, Statutory and Other Panels will be circulated at the meeting.

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