

Manchester City Council Report for Resolution

Report to: Constitutional and Nomination Committee – 3 June 2014

Subject: Membership of Committees 2014/15 and the Appointment of Chairs of Committees

Report of: The City Solicitor

Purpose of report

The Constitutional and Nomination Committee is requested to make recommendations to the Council about the size and composition of the Council's committees and to appoint chairs and deputy chairs of the committees detailed in the report.

Recommendations

The Committee is requested to make recommendations to Council about:

1. the size of the Council's committees;
 2. the appointment of members to serve on the various committees listed in the report;
 3. the appointment of members to serve as chairs of scrutiny committees, chairs of non executive committees, and the deputy chairs of the Planning and Highways Committee, and Licensing and Appeals Committee;
 4. the appointment of a member for the purpose of answering questions at Council on the work of the Standards Committee, in accordance with Article 9 of the Council Constitution.
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Background documents

1. Section 15-17, Local Government and Housing Act 1989.
2. The Local Government (Committee and Political Groups) Regulations 1989.
3. Health and Social Care Act 2012
4. Council Constitution.

Background

1 Government regulations require the Council to appoint membership of its committees in accordance with the principles of political balance as far as reasonably practicable. Due to the composition of the Council after the election, there are no restrictions to the number of seats on each committee and the requirement for political balance does not apply. Details of the suggested number of available seats on each committee are included below. This is based on the numbers for the previous municipal year but the numbers can be amended accordingly. The Committee is requested to make recommendations to the Council about the membership of these committees.

- Art Galleries [14 elected members and 7 co-opted members]
- Audit Committee [8 elected members and 2 co-opted members]
- Communities Scrutiny Committee [12 members]
- Constitutional and Nomination Committee [10 members]
- Economy Scrutiny Committee [18 members]
- Finance Scrutiny Committee [12 members]
- Health Scrutiny Committee [16 members]
- Licensing and Appeals Committee [15 members]
- Licensing Committee [15 members]
- Licensing Policy Committee [6 members]
- Neighbourhoods Scrutiny Committee [16 members]
- Personnel Committee [9 members] - Membership formula comprises the Leader of the Council (or a Deputy) the 6 Executive Members and the Assistant Executive Member (Finance and Human Resources)
- Planning and Highways Committee [15 members]
- Young People and Children Scrutiny Committee [14 members and 6 co-opted members]
- Standing Executive Consultative Panel [15 seats].

Other Committees

2 Some of the Council's committees are subject to specific rules about membership. These details are included below. The Committee is asked to make recommendations to Council about the membership of these committees.

Employee Appeals Committee

3 The composition of the Committee was amended in October 2013 to consist of the following structure:

- the Executive Member with a relevant portfolio (i.e. Executive Member for the service in which the employee was working or the Executive Member with a portfolio relevant to the specific subject area of the appeal) or an appropriate Assistant Executive Member,
- and two members drawn from drawn from the Council's Executive Members or the Assistant Executive Members, or elected members drawn from a prescribed 'pool' of 15 members.

- 4 The Constitutional and Nomination Committee is asked to confirm this composition and agree the members in the prescribed pool.

Wythenshawe Area Committee

- 5 Wythenshawe Area Committee has 15 members consisting of all members that represent the five Wythenshawe wards so it is not subject to political balance. The Committee is asked to agree the membership of this committee.

Health and Wellbeing Board

- 6 The membership of the Health and Wellbeing Board comprises of councillors as well as NHS and council officers. The Council appointed the Leader of the Council (chair) and the Executive Member of Families Health and Wellbeing. The membership for 2013/14 was agreed at the meeting of Council on 27 March 2013 and subsequent amendments have been agreed through the Constitutional and Nomination Committee. The Committee is asked to confirm the membership of the Health and Wellbeing Board for 2014/15.

Standards Committee

- 7 The Standards Committee consists of six councillors, 2 co-opted members and 1 member from Ringway Parish Council. It was agreed that the requirement for political balanced be waived. The committee is asked to agree membership for 2014/15.

Chairs and Deputy Chairs

- 8 The Committee is requested to recommend the appointment of the chairs of the following scrutiny committees, and the committees discharging non executive functions.

Art Galleries Committee
Audit Committee
Young People and Children Scrutiny Committee
Communities Scrutiny Committee
Constitutional and Nomination Committee
Economy Scrutiny Committee
Finance Scrutiny Committee
Health Scrutiny Committee
Licensing and Appeals Committee
Licensing Committee
Licensing Policy Committee
Neighbourhoods Scrutiny Committee
Planning and Highways Committee
Standards Committee (this should be an independent member of the committee)

Deputy Chairs

- 9 The Committee is requested to recommend the appointment of the Deputy Chair of the Planning and Highways Committee and the Licensing and Appeals Committee.

Standards Committee: Article 9 Appointment

- 10 The Committee is asked to recommend the appointment of a member for the purpose of answering questions at Council about the work of the Standards Committee, in accordance with Article 9 of the Council's Constitution.