

Manchester City Council Report for Resolution

Report to: Constitutional and Nomination Committee – 4 March 2022

Subject: Membership of Committees and the Appointment of members to GMCA Scrutiny Committees

Report of: The City Solicitor

Purpose of report

The Constitutional and Nomination Committee is asked to make recommendations to the Council about the composition of the Council's committees and the nomination of members to GMCA Scrutiny Committees and its associated Scrutiny Pool as detailed in this report.

Recommendations

The Committee is asked to make recommendations to Council about:

1. The appointment of Members to serve on the various committees listed in the report and in doing so take account of Government regulations which require a Council to appoint membership of its committees in accordance with the principles of political balance as far as reasonably practicable.
 2. Nominations of Members to the remaining allocation of seats to GMCA Scrutiny Committees and its associated Scrutiny Pool.
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Background documents

The following documents disclose important facts on which the report is based and have been relied upon in preparing the report. Copies of the background documents are available up to 4 years after the date of the meeting. If you would like a copy please contact one of the contact officers above.

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

1 Background

- 1.1 Government regulations require the Council to appoint membership of its committees in accordance with the principles of political balance as far as reasonably practicable.
- 1.2 Due to the composition of the Council following the Ancoats and Beswick by-election on 3 February 2022 (93 Labour, 2 Liberal Democrat and 1 Green Party), there is a requirement to allocate seats on the basis of political groups for each committee.

2. Current committee size, membership and Lib Dem nominations

- 2.1 The Committee is asked to make recommendations to the Council about the size and current membership of the committees listed below
- 2.2 In doing so the Committee is asked to recognise that with the formation of a Liberal Democrat Group on the Council, the Group is now entitled to 1 seat on each committee listed below and the council must give effect to the wishes expressed by the Group as to which members are to be appointed to each committee (or other body) concerned.
- 2.3 Whilst entitled to 1 seat on each Committee, the Liberal Democrat Group is not required to take up each seat, but it should remain vacant for the Group to appoint to, if it decides to in the future.

- **Art Galleries Committee**

Labour	Lib Dem
Akbar	Leech
Bridges	
Craig	
Midgely	
Rawlins	
White	
Rahman	

- **Audit Committee**

Labour	Lib Dem
Ahmed Ali	Good
Clay	
Hitchen	
Lanchbury	
Russell	

- **Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee**

Labour	Green	Lib Dem
Reid	Nunney	No nomination made
Abdullatif		
Sameem Ali		
Alijah		
Bano		
Benham		
Collins		
Cooley		
Foley		
Hewitson		
Lovecy		
McHale		
Sadler		

- **Communities and Equalities Scrutiny Committee**

Labour	Lib Dem
Hacking	No nomination made
Ahmed Ali	
Shaukat Ali	
Andrews	
Battle	
Chambers	
Connolly	
M Dar	
Douglas	
Evans	
Grimshaw	
Hilal	
Hussain	
S Judge	
Rawson	
Sheikh	
Whiston	
Wills	
Wilson	

- **Constitutional and Nomination Committee**

Labour	Lib Dem
Karney	Leech
Craig	
Curley	
Lanchbury	
Flanagan	

Rahman	
Reeves	
Richards	

- **Economy Scrutiny Committee**

Labour	Lib Dem
H Priest	No nomination made
Bayunu	
Doswell	
Farrell	
Johns	
Moore	
Raikes	
Noor	
Stanton	

- **Environment and Climate Change Scrutiny Committee**

Labour	Lib Dem
Igbon	Good
Chohan	
Flanagan	
Foley	
Hassan	
Holt	
Hughes	
Jeavons	
Lynch	
Lyons	
Razaq	
Sheikh	
Shilton-Godwin	
Wright	

- **Health Scrutiny Committee**

Labour	Lib Dem
Green	No nomination made
Nasrin Ali	
Appleby	
Curley	
Douglas	
Hussain	
Monaghan	
Newman	
Reeves	
Raisat	

Richards	
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- **Licensing and Appeals Committee**

Labour	Lib Dem
Ludford	No nomination made
Grimshaw	
Andrews	
Connolly	
Evans	
Flanagan	
Hassan	
Hewitson	
Hughes	
Jeavons	
Lynch	
Reid	

- **Licensing Committee**

Labour	Lib Dem
Ludford	No nomination made
Grimshaw	
Andrews	
Connolly	
Evans	
Flanagan	
Hassan	
Hewitson	
Hughes	
Jeavons	
Lynch	
Reid	

- **Licensing Policy Committee**

Labour	Lib Dem
Ludford	Leech
Grimshaw	
Davies	
Rawlins	
Evans	
Flanagan	

- **Personnel Committee**

Labour	Lib Dem
Akbar	Leech
Bridges	
Craig	
Midgley	
Rahman	
Rawlins	
White	

- **Planning and Highways Committee**

Labour	Lib Dem
Curley	Leech
Shaukat Ali	
Andrews	
Baker Smith	
Y Dar	
Davies	
Flanagan	
Kamal	
Kirkpatrick	
Lovecy	
Lyons	
Raisat	
Richards	
Stogia	

- **Resources and Governance Scrutiny Committee**

Labour	Lib Dem
Russell	Good
Ahmed Ali	
Clay	
Davies	
Hitchen	
Lanchbury	
Kirkpatrick	
B Priest	
Robinson	
Rowles	

- **Standing Executive Consultative Panel**

Labour	Lib Dem
Butt	Leech
Ilyas	

Karney	
M Sharif Mahamed	
Taylor	

The representation of the opposition political groups on the Panel will be calculated in accordance with the following formula:

$$X \times (25/96) = Y$$

Where –

X = the number of members of the opposition political group on the Council, and

Y = the entitlement to representation of that group on the Panel (rounded up or down to the nearest whole number)

3. Other Committees

3.1 Some of the Council's committees are subject to specific rules about membership. These details are included below.

Employee Appeals Committee

3.2 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.

3.3 The Constitutional and Nomination Committee is asked to confirm this

Health and Wellbeing Board

3.4 The membership of the Health and Wellbeing Board comprises of councillors as well as NHS and council officers. The membership was agreed at the meeting of Council on 27 March 2013 and subsequent amendments have been agreed through the Constitutional and Nomination Committee.

3.5 Following a previous review of the governance structure of the Board, the MCC membership of the Board is set out below.

- Leader of the Council (Chair)
- Executive Member for Adult Care and Health
- Executive Member for Children's Services
- Chair Manchester Health and Care Commissioning

- Strategic Director of Children’s Services
- Director of Public Health
- Executive Director of Adult Social Services

Standards Committee

3.6 The Standards Committee consists of 6 elected members (none of whom may be the leader of any political group and no more than one of whom may be a member of the Executive) , 2 co-opted members and 1 member from Ringway Parish Council.

Labour	Lib Dem
Andrews	Good
Connolly	
Evans	
Lanchbury	
Simcock	

4 GMCA Overview and Scrutiny Committee membership

4.1 The GMCA has three Overview and Scrutiny Committees to which the 10 Greater Manchester District Councils are invited to nominate representatives to:-

- Corporate Issues and Reform
- Economy, Business Growth and Skills
- Housing Planning and Environment

4.2 The scrutiny of health, wellbeing and social care operates as a joint committee of the ten districts.

4.3 Each committee should comprise of 15 members and committee membership should reflect the political balance across Greater Manchester (not that of the GMCA).

4.4 In making nominations the GMCA’s guidance states as follows:-

- Each district is asked to make 6 nominations..
- The first 3 nominations should be the districts first preference for each of the 3 committees - ***These members must be from the ruling group and will be guaranteed a place on the committees.***
- The remaining 3 members should be from the ruling group and major opposition group and should indicate where Members have a preferred committee or none. These nominations will go into a Scrutiny Pool from which a further 5 members per committee will be selected by the GMCA to ensure each committee meets its statutory and constitutional requirements regarding political balance and diversity.

- Members of the Scrutiny Pool who are not selected as permanent committee members, will be appointed by the GMCA as formal substitutes for all three committees.

4.5 Manchester City Council's current membership on GMCA Scrutiny Committees is as follows:-

GMCA Overview and Scrutiny Committee	MCC representative
Corporate Issues and Reform	Cllr Lee-Ann Igbon
Economy, Business Growth and Skills	Cllr Greg Stanton
Housing Planning and Environment	Cllr Mandie Shilton Godwin

4.6 The Council has not nominated any further members to form part of the GMCA Scrutiny Pool.

4.7 Based on the above scrutiny membership, the Council's ruling group (Labour) are invited to make a further 2 nominations and the major opposition group (Lib Dems) are invited to make 1 nomination to the GMCA Scrutiny Pool, if they so wish.

Labour	Lib Dem
To be advised	No nomination made

4.9 These nominations will form part of the GMCA Scrutiny Pool and it will be for the GMCA to determine whether they will be appointed to one of the scrutiny committees or as a formal substitute.

5 GMCA Substitute appointments

5.1 Following the appointment of Councillor Craig as Leader of the Council, the Council is now required to nominate a named substitute to the GMCA bodies on which Councillor Craig sits in the capacity of Leader of the Council, namely:-

- GM Combined Authority
- AGMA Executive Board

6 Recommendations

6.1 The recommendations are set out at the front of the report.