



City of Westminster

Joint Report to Committees

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Title: Constitutional Matters

Report of: Head of Legal and Democratic Services

Wards Involved: Not applicable

Policy Context: Management of the Council

Financial Summary: None

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1. Summary

- 1.1 This report is submitted to allow the relevant Committees to appoint, where necessary, a Chairman and to review the proportional division of seats on their respective Sub-Committees. Details of these are set out in the specific recommendations addressed to each of the Committees referred to below.
- 1.2 The procedures for this meeting are set out in Standing Order 2 (4), which allows for the all the recommendations before the Committees to be taken together and for the meeting to be conducted by the Head of Legal and Democratic Services.

2. Recommendations

Adults, Health and Public Protection Policy and Scrutiny Committee

1. That the Committee confirm the proportional division of seats on the Sub-Committee listed below:

Sub-Committee	Members	Proportionality	
		Cons	Labour
Urgency	3	2	1

Audit and Performance Committee

1. That the Committee appoint a Chairman. The Leader of the Council has nominated Councillor Jonathan Glanz.
2. That the Committee confirm the proportional division of seats on the Sub-Committees listed below:

Sub-Committee	Members	Proportionality	
		Cons	Labour
Audit and Performance Urgency	3	2	1
Appointments	4	3	1
Staff Appeals	3	2	1

General Purposes Committee

1. That the Committee appoint a Chairman and a Vice-Chairman. The Leader of the Council has nominated Councillor Tim Mitchell as Chairman and Councillor Robert Davis as Vice Chairman.
2. That the Committee confirm the proportional division of seats on the Sub-Committees listed below:

Sub-Committee	Members	Proportionality	
		Cons	Labour
General Purposes Urgency	3	2	1
Education (Awards) Appeals	4	3	1

Children, Sports and Customer Services Policy and Scrutiny Committee

1. That the Committee appoint a Chairman. The Leader of the Council has nominated Councillor Andrew Smith.

Housing, Finance and Corporate Services Policy and Scrutiny Committee

1. That the Committee appoint a Chairman. The Leader of the Council has nominated Councillor Brian Connell.

Licensing Committee

1. That the Committee appoint a Chairman. The Leader of the Council has nominated Councillor Nickie Aiken.

Planning Applications Committee (1)

1. That the Committee confirm the proportional division of seats on the Sub-Committee listed below:

Sub-Committee	Members	Proportionality	
		Cons	Labour
City Plan	5	4	1

Planning Applications Committee (2)

1. That the Committee appoint a Chairman. The Leader of the Council has nominated Councillor Peter Freeman.

Pension Fund Committee

1. That the Committee confirm the proportional division of seats on the Sub-Committee listed below:

Sub-Committee	Members	Proportionality	
		Cons	Labour
Pension Fund Urgency	3	2	1

3. Background Information

- 3.1 Standing Orders permit the Leader of the Council to nominate the Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen (if any) of Committees and the Committee then determines whether or not to appoint the members nominated. An appropriate recommendation has been included, where the Leader has made a new nomination. It is for the Committee to determine if it wishes to agree the nomination. Otherwise Chairmen will be appointed at the next meeting of the appropriate body.
- 3.2 Under regulations, Committees are required to review at least annually the proportional division of seats on their Sub-Committees. This applies to all Sub-Committees including those of the regulatory Committees and to the formal Sub-Committees of Policy and Scrutiny Committees. Memberships will be notified to the next meeting of the relevant Sub-Committee and are also set out as Appendix B to the report (agenda item 4) on the Council agenda.

4. Legal Implications

- 4.1 The proportional allocation of Sub-Committee places set out in this report conforms to the Proportionality Rules. Standing Orders provide for the Leader of the Council to make nominations which are then a matter for the respective Committee to determine.

If you have any queries about this report or wish to inspect any of the background papers please contact Mick Steward on 020 7641 3134; Fax No: 020 7641 2042; Email: msteward@westminster.gov.uk

Background Papers

- Constitution