

Title: Return of Members Elected and Political Proportionality
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 Portfolio Holder: Councillor Not appointed
 Wards of the District directly affected: All

Approvals required	Date	Name
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Chief Executive	16/5/23	Chris Elliott
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Leadership Co-ordination Group		N/A
Final decision by this Committee or rec to another Cttee / Council?	Yes	
Contrary to Policy / Budget framework?	Yes	
Does this report contain exempt info/Confidential? If so, which paragraph(s)?	Yes	
Does this report relate to a key decision (referred to in the Cabinet Forward Plan)?	No	
Accessibility Checked?	Yes/No	

Summary

The report details the names of the Councillors elected to the Council; along with the Ward they represent and party they are a member of; and the resultant political proportionality of the Council.

Recommendation(s)

(1) That Council notes the details of those Councillors elected on 4 May 2023, as set out at Appendix 1; and

(2) That Council notes the Political Proportionality of the Council as follows:

Group	Number of Councillors	Percentage of Council
Conservative	6	13.64
Green	14	31.82
Labour	11	25.00
Liberal Democrat	10	22.73
Whitnash Residents Association	3	6.82

1 Reasons for the Recommendation

1.1 Appendix 1 to the report details the Councillors elected to the Council along with the Ward they represent and party they are a member of.

1.2 The political proportionality calculation is undertaken in accordance with the statutory political balance rules as the law requires the Council to allocate committee seats to registered political groups in accordance with those rules. The rules are as follows:

1. The majority party must have a majority of seats on every committee. Where there are co-opted voting members this is a majority of all seats, not just those held by councillors.
2. The total number of "ordinary committee" seats must be proportionate. So for example, where a Group has 60% of Council seats it should have 60% of the ordinary committee seats across the Council.
3. then each individual committee should be as proportionate as possible i.e. a group with 60% of Council seats should have 60% of the seats on each committee and not for example a Group has all the seats on a Committee and none on another.

NB: an ordinary Committee is any Committee appointed by Council with the exception of those defined in regulation by the relevant Secretary of State or the Council (with no single member voting against) has resolved it be excluded.

1.3 These rules can sometimes do not align perfectly depending on the number and size of the political groups. For example overall the number of seats allocated across all ordinary Committees may be proportionally correct, but one a Committee the proportions are not respected. If this happens the first rule is the most important, then the second and then the third.

- 1.4 The political balance rules do not always completely determine the balance of each committee. The Council has some discretion as to how to apply those rules. For example, if there are committees of the same size which have to be balanced differently under the rules, there is discretion as to which committee those should be applied to. Any discretion is exercised by Council.
- 1.5 While normal practice at Warwick District Council is to provide the opposition the greater number of seats on the Committee, This time it has been agreed to have equal seats between the administration and opposition but Group Leaders have agreed that the Chairman of the Committee will not be from the administration. This provides the opposition to steer the work of the Overview & Scrutiny Committee and if needed the opposition would have a casting vote.
- 1.6 The table below sets out the proposed allocation of seats for each Committee based on these principles:

	Size	Conservative	Green	Labour	Liberal Democrat	WRA*
Council	44	6	14	11	10	3
Licensing & Regulatory	15	2	5	4	3	1
Audit & Standards	13	2	4	3	3	1
Employment	13	2	4	3	3	1
Overview & Scrutiny	12	2	3	3	3	1
Planning	13	2	4	3	3	1
Outside organisations	9	1	3	2	2	1

*Whitnash Residents Association

- 1.7 The Cabinet is not a Committee with its membership appointed solely by the Leader. Therefore the Cabinet is not detailed within this report and the same applies to those outside appointments to which the Leader allocates to members of the Cabinet.

2 Alternative Options

- 2.1 The report is for information only and therefore no alternative recommendations have been considered.

3 Legal Implications

- 3.1 The Council is required by law to allocate representation to Ordinary Committees on a politically proportionate basis unless it makes a specific resolution not to. The proposals outlined broadly meet the requirement for such proportionality, with recognition there can never be a perfect fit..

4 Financial Services

- 4.1 The report does not impact on either the budgetary framework or budget for the Council

5 Business Strategy

- 5.1 Warwick District Council has adopted a Business Strategy which sets out key areas for service delivery. Each proposed decision should set out how the report contributes to the delivery of these strategic aims, however this report does not directly relate to them.

6 Environmental/Climate Change Implications

- 6.1 There are no direct implications on climate change from the recommendations within the report.

7 Analysis of the effects on Equality

- 7.1 No assessment has taken place as the report is a statement of fact based upon the outcome of the 2023 District Council elections.

8 Data Protection

- 8.1 The information within the report is all public information.

9 Health and Wellbeing

- 9.1 The report has no direct impact on the health and wellbeing.

10 Risk Assessment

- 10.1 There are no significant risks associated with the report as it is for information only.

11 Consultation

- 11.1 Political Group Leaders have been consulted on the report and supported it.

Background papers: None

Supporting documents: None

Appendix 1

Ward	Councillor	Party
Bishop's Tachbrook	Matthew Collins	Labour
	Andrew Day	Conservative
Budbrooke	Jan Matecki	Conservative
	Peter Phillips	Conservative
Cubbington & Leek Wootton	Joshua Payne	Liberal Democrat
	Pamela Redford	Conservative
Kenilworth Abbey & Arden	Kynaston Aizlewood	Green
	David Armstrong	Green
	Richard Hales	Conservative
Kenilworth Park Hill	Lara Cron	Green
	Alistair Kennedy	Green
	Lowell Williams	Green
Kenilworth St John's	Katherine Dickson	Liberal Democrat
	Richard Dickinson	Liberal Democrat
	Andrew Milton	Liberal Democrat
Leamington Brunswick	Jonathan Chilvers	Green
	Ian Davison	Green
	Naveen Tangri	Green
Leamington Clarendon	Jessica Harrison	Labour
	Kathleen Hunt	Labour
	Chris King	Labour
Leamington Lillington	Alan Boad	Liberal Democrat
	Philip Kohler	Liberal Democrat
	Daniel Russell	Liberal Democrat
Leamington Milverton	Carolyn Gifford	Liberal Democrat
	William Gifford	Liberal Democrat
	Sydney Syson	Liberal Democrat
Leamington Willes	Ella Billiald	Green
	Martin Luckhurst	Green
	William Roberts	Green
Radford Semele	Rebecca Noonan	Conservative
Warwick All Saints & Woodloes	Ragbhir Kang	Labour
	John Sullivan	Labour
	Paul Wightman	Labour
Warwick Aylesford	Daniel Browne	Labour
	Aurel-Gabriel Rosu	Labour
Warwick Myton & Heathcote	Kathleen Gorman	Green
	Dominic Harrison	Green
	Hema Yellapragada	Green
Warwick Saltisford	Katya Dray	Labour
	James Sinnott	Labour
Whitnash	Adrian Barton	Whitnash Residents Association
	Judith Falp	Whitnash Residents Association
	Robert Margrave	Whitnash Residents Association