

To: Selection and Member Services Committee – 9 July 2013

From: Gary Cooke, Cabinet Member, Corporate and Democratic Services
Peter Sass, Head of Democratic Services

Subject: Committee Membership

Classification: Unrestricted

Summary:

This report invites the Committee to recommend Committee appointments to the County Council.

1. Introduction

1.1 The County Council agreed its structure on 23 May 2013. At that meeting, it was decided that three places should remain unallocated rather than being offered to the two Members who were not Members of a political group (as defined in the Local Government and Housing Act 1989).

1.2 The three Committees in question are the Governance and Audit Committee, Regulation Committee and Planning Applications Committee.

1.3 Following representations by the two Members concerned and their agreement on their preferred Committees, I am now in a position to recommend that places be allocated as follows:

Governance and Audit Committee: Martin Whybrow
Regulation Committee: Peter Harman
Planning Applications Committee: Peter Harman.

1.4 The Leader has also invited Martin Whybrow to sit on the Environment, Highways and Waste Cabinet Committee. As this appointment is entirely in the gift of the Leader, there is no need for this Committee to take any action on this matter.

1.5 The table below sets out how the revised Committee structure would look if the County Council were to agree to the Committee appointments.

Committee	Conservative	UKIP	Labour	Liberal Democrat	Green	Swanscombe and Greenhithe Residents Association	Total
Scrutiny Committee +5*	6	2	2	1	0	0	11
Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee +4\$	7	3	2	1	0	0	13
Governance and Audit Committee	8	3	2	1	1	0	15
Electoral & Boundary Review Committee	5	2	1	1	0	0	9
Personnel Committee	5	2	1	1	0	0	9
Planning Applications Committee	10	4	3	1	0	1	19
Regulation Committee	9	3	4	0	0	1	17
Selection and Member Services Committee	5	2	1	1	0	0	9
Corporate Parenting Panel +4@	5	2	1	1	0	0	9
Superannuation Fund Committee +3# (1/1/1)	5	2	1	1	0	0	9
Kent Flood Risk Management Committee	4	1	1	1	0	0	7
Standards Committee	4	1	1	1	0	0	7
TOTAL	73	27	20	11	1	2	134
Proportionate Share of Total	72 71.78	27 27.12	21 20.74	11 11.16	1.5 1.55	1.5 1.55	134
Difference to Proportionate share	+1	0	-1	0	-0.5	+0.5	0

2 Recommendation

The Committee is invited to:

(a) recommend the following Committee appointments to the County Council:

Governance and Audit Committee – Mr Martin Whybrow
Planning Applications Committee – Mr Peter Harman
Regulation Committee – Mr Peter Harman; and

(b) note that Mr Martin Whybrow has been appointed to serve on the Environment, Highways and Waste Cabinet Committee.

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Background documents (None)