

**To:** County Council – 18 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 Council to approve Committee appointments.

## 1. Introduction

(1) The County Council agreed its governance structure, proportionality and seats on Committees 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).

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

(3) Following consideration at the Selection and Member Services Committee on 9 July 2013 and representations by the two Members concerned it is recommended that places be allocated as follows:

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

(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 any further action on this matter.

(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
<b>TOTAL</b>	73	27	20	11	1	2	134
<b>Proportionate Share of Total</b>	72 71.78	27 27.12	21 20.74	11 11.16	1.5 1.55	1.5 1.55	134
<b>Difference to Proportionate share</b>	+1	0	-1	0	-0.5	+0.5	0

## 2. Recommendation

The County Council is invited to:

(a) agree the following Committee appointments:

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)