

# ANNUAL COUNCIL

# 11 May 2023

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Report of: Director of Law & Governance - Monitoring Officer

Meeting of: Annual Council

Date: 11 May 2023

Ward(s): N/A

# Subject: Calculation of Political Balance (Proportionality) and arrangements for committees

## 1. Synopsis

- 1.1. The report summarises the political balance of the Council and sets out matters relating to the allocation of seats to committees.
- 1.2. It is recommended that the Council note the political balance of the Council and agree the allocation of seats as detailed in the report.
- 1.3. The Council is also asked to note the Programme of Meetings for 2023-24.

### 2. Recommendations

- 2.1. That the Council note the political balance of the Council is:
  - 47 Members of the Labour Group
  - 3 Members of the Green Group
  - 1 independent member, who is not a member of a political group.
- 2.2. That the allocation of seats be approved, in order to comply with the political balance regulations requiring seats to be allocated proportionately to the political groups on the Council, as detailed in the report.
- 2.3. That the Programme of Meetings for 2023-24 be noted.

### 3. Background

- 3.1. The Council must allocate seats on committees to political groups in accordance with the political balance rules. The rules for the allocation of seats are set out in the Local Government and Housing Act 1989, and the Local Government (Committees and Political Groups) Regulations 1990.
- 3.2. Regulation 8 of The Local Government (Committees and Political Groups)
  Regulations 1990 states that a political group on the Council is required to have at least two members in order to be formally constituted.
- 3.3. Section 15.5 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 sets out the principles as follows:

#### Section 15: Duty to allocate seats to political groups

- 15.5 The principles mentioned in subsection (4) above, in relation to the seats on any body which fall to be filled by appointments made by any relevant authority or committee of a relevant authority, are—
  - (a) that not all the seats on the body are allocated to the same political group;
  - (b) that the majority of the seats on the body is allocated to a particular political group if the number of persons belonging to that group is a majority of the authority's membership;
  - (c) subject to paragraphs (a) and (b) above, that the number of seats on the ordinary committees of a relevant authority which are allocated to each political group bears the same proportion to the total of all the seats on the ordinary committees of that authority as is borne by the number of members of that group to the membership of the authority; and
  - (d) subject to paragraphs (a) to (c) above, that the number of the seats on the body which are allocated to each political group bears the same proportion to the number of all the seats on that body as is borne by the number of members of that group to the membership of the authority.
- 3.4. Section 17 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 states that the Council can only depart from these rules by passing a resolution with no member voting against the resolution.

3.5. This report sets out the proposed allocation of seats on the Council's committees based on the principles described above.

### 4. Proposed allocation of seats to political groups

4.1. The political composition of the Council is as follows:

Political Group	Number of Councillors	Political Composition as Percentage	Equivalent Seats on Committees
Labour	47	92.16%	99
Green	3	5.88%	6
Independent (non-grouped)	1	1.96%	-
TOTAL	51	100.00%	107

- 4.2. The political balance rules only apply to political groups. Independent councillors who are not members of a political group are not entitled to seats on committees under the relevant legislation.
- 4.3. The proposed political balance of the Council's committees is set out below. Political balance rules are not applicable to seats on the Executive, the Voluntary and Community Sector Committee, the Licensing Committee and its Sub-Committees, the Health and Wellbeing Board, the Pensions Board, and any joint committees exercising Executive functions. The allocation of seats on committees has been considered by the Council's political groups.

<u>Committee</u>	Total Number of Seats	Proposed Labour Seats	Proposed Green Seats
Audit Committee	4	4	
Children's Services Scrutiny Committee	8	7	1
Disciplinary Appeals Committee	5	4	1
Environment & Regeneration Scrutiny Committee	8	7	1
Grievance Appeals Committee	5	5	
Grievance Committee	5	5	
Health & Care Scrutiny Committee	8	7	1
Housing Scrutiny Committee	8	7	1
Investigating and Disciplinary Committee	5	5	
Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee on Health	2	2	
Licensing Regulatory Committee	4	4	
Pensions Sub-Committee	4	4	
Personnel Sub-Committee	5	5	

<u>Committee</u>	Total Number of Seats	Proposed Labour Seats	Proposed Green Seats
Planning Committee	10	9	1
Planning Sub-Committee A	5	4	1
Planning Sub-Committee B	5	5	
Policy and Performance Scrutiny Committee	12	11	1
Standards Committee	4	4	
TOTAL	107	99	8
Number of Seats as Percentage	100.00%	92.52%	7.48%

4.4. In addition to the above, it is proposed to allocate a seat on the Licensing Committee to a councillor from the Green Group, and a seat on the Licensing Committee to the Independent Councillor.

## 5. Programme of Meetings 2023-24

5.1. The council produces a Programme of Meetings each year, detailing the dates of committee meetings and other major council events. This is produced following consultation with the council's political groups and senior officers. The programme for 2023-24 is appended. Any amendments to the dates of meetings will be agreed following consultation with the relevant Committee Chair and will be publicised via the meetings calendar on the council's website.

### 6. Implications

#### 6.1. Financial Implications

6.1.1. There are no financial implications associated with this report.

#### 6.2. Legal Implications

6.2.1. The legal implications are set out within the body of the report.

# 6.3. Environmental Implications and contribution to achieving a net zero carbon Islington by 2030

There are no Environmental Implications associated with this report.

#### 6.4. Equalities Impact Assessment

6.4.1. The council must, in the exercise of its functions, have due regard to the need to eliminate discrimination, harassment and victimisation, and to advance equality of

opportunity, and foster good relations, between those who share a relevant protected characteristic and those who do not share it (section 149 Equality Act 2010). The council has a duty to have due regard to the need to remove or minimise disadvantages, take steps to meet needs, in particular steps to take account of disabled persons' disabilities, and encourage people to participate in public life. The council must have due regard to the need to tackle prejudice and promote understanding.

6.4.2. An Equalities Impact Assessment is not required in relation to this report.

### 7. Conclusion and reasons for recommendations

7.1. It is recommended that the Council approves the proposed allocation of seats, in line with the rules for determining political balance and proportionality.

#### **Appendices:**

Programme of Meetings 2023-24

#### **Background papers:**

None.

#### Final report clearance:

Approved by:

**Director of Law and Governance Monitoring Officer** 

Date: 2 May 2023

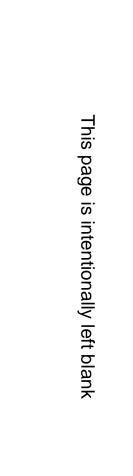
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#### **ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING – 11 MAY 2023**

Appointment of Councillors to Political Positions and the Appointment of Chairs, Vice Chairs and Membership of Committees 2023/24

#### Introduction:

The Council is required to determine the size of committees and allocate committee places to political groups according to the "political balance rules" under the Local Government and Housing Act 1989. These are designed to ensure that the political composition of the Council's decision making and deliberative committees as far as possible replicates the political composition of the full Council.

The current membership of the authority is 47 Labour group members and 3 Green group members. There is one Independent Member who is not a member of a Political Group. A report on political balance and proportionality is set out elsewhere on the agenda.

#### A. APPOINTMENT OF COUNCILLORS TO POLITICAL POSITIONS

#### **Recommendations:**

(a) That Council note that the Labour group have notified the following appointments:

Leader of Group	Councillor Kaya Comer-Schwartz
Deputy Leader of Group	Councillor Santiago Bell-Bradford
Chief Whip	Councillor Sara Hyde
Deputy Whips	Councillors Jason Jackson & Fin Craig
Chair of Group	Councillor David Poyser
Vice-Chair	Councillor Angelo Weekes
Secretary	Councillor Jilani Chowdhury
Treasurer	Councillor Satnam Gill
Social Secretary	Councillor Heather Staff
Ordinary Member Posts	Councillors Bashir Ibrahim & Valerie Bossman-
	Quarshie

(b) That Council note that the Green group have notified the following appointments:

Leader of Group	Councillor Benali Hamdache
Deputy Leader of Group	Councillor Ernestas Jegorovas-Armstrong
Group Business Manager	Councillor Caroline Russell

# B. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRS AND VICE-CHAIRS AND MEMBERSHIP OF COMMITTEES FOR 2023/24

#### Recommendations:

1) That the following appointments be made to the Policy and Performance Committee for 2023/24 or until successors are appointed:

#### POLICY & PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE (12 Councillors)

Councillor Flora Williamson (Chair)	Councillor Hannah McHugh
Councillor Paul Convery (Vice Chair)	Councillor Bashir Ibrahim
Councillor Jilani Chowdhury	Councillor Saiqa Pandor
Councillor Jason Jackson	Councillor Angelo Weekes
Councillor Tricia Clarke	Councillor Heather Staff
Councillor Sheila Chapman	Councillor Benali Hamdache

#### **Substitutes:**

Councillor Nick Wayne Councillor Troy Gallagher
Councillor Dave Poyser Councillor Praful Nargund

Councillor Caroline Russell

2) That the following appointments be made to the remaining committees for 2023/24 or until successors are appointed:

#### CHILDREN'S SERVICES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE (8 Councillors)

Councillor Sheila Chapman (Chair)
Councillor Valerie Bossman-Quarshie (Vice Chair)
Councillor Rosaline Ogunro

Councillor Saiqa Pandor

Councillor Clare Zammit Councillor Ernestas Jegorovas-Armstrong

#### **Co-opted Members for Education related issues:**

Roman Catholic Diocese – Mary Clement Parent Governor Representative (Primary) – Jon Stansfield Parent Governor Representative (Secondary) – Zaleera Wallace

#### **Substitutes:**

Councillor Jilani Chowdhury

Councillor Dave Poyser

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Councillor Heather Staff

Councillor Benali Hamdache

#### **ENVIRONMENT & REGENERATION SCRUTINY COMMITTEE** (8 Councillors)

Councillor Tricia Clarke (Chair)

Councillor Clare Jeapes (Vice Chair)

Councillor Angelo Weekes

Councillor Fin Craig

Councillor Claire Zammit

Councillor Caroline Russell

**Substitutes:** 

Councillor Jason Jackson Councillor David Poyser
Councillor Heather Staff Councillor Flora Williamson

Councillor Toby North Councillor Ernestas Jegorovas-Armstrong

#### **HEALTH AND CARE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE** (8 Councillors)

Councillor Jilani Chowdhury (Chair)
Councillor Joseph Croft (Vice Chair)
Councillor Janet Burgess
Councillor Tricia Clarke

Councillor Councillor Caroline Russell

**Substitutes:** 

Councillor Heather Staff
Councillor Flora Williamson
Councillor David Poyser
Councillor Benali Hamdache

The co-opted member from Healthwatch Islington is to be confirmed.

#### HOUSING SCRUTINY COMMITTEE (8 Councillors)

Councillor Jason Jackson (Chair) Councillor Mick O'Sullivan
Councillor Ilkay Cinko-Oner (Vice Chair) Councillor Mick Gilgunn
Councillor Phil Graham Councillor Gulcin Ozdemir

Councillor Valerie Bossman-Quarshie Councillor Ernestas Jegorovas-Armstrong

**Substitutes:** 

Councillor Jilani Chowdhury

Councillor David Poyser

Councillor Ben Mackmurdie

Councillor Heather Staff

Councillor Rosaline Ogunro

Councillor Caroline Russell

#### AUDIT COMMITTEE (4 Councillors and 2 Independent Members, as below)

Councillor Nick Wayne (Chair) Councillor Janet Burgess
Councillor Flora Williamson (Vice Chair) Councillor Sara Hyde

#### **Substitutes:**

Councillor Angelo Weekes Councillor Jason Jackson Councillor Jilani Chowdhury Councillor Jenny Kay

#### **Independent Members:**

Alan Begg Alan Finch

#### **HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD** (15 members, as below)

Members of the Board are also members of the Haringey and Islington Health and Wellbeing Board's Joint Sub-Committee, with the exception of the representatives of NHS England and Islington GP Federation.

#### **Councillors:**

Councillor Kaya Comer-Schwartz (Chair) Councillor Nurullah Turan Councillor Michelline Safi Ngongo

#### Officers:

Jonathan O'Sullivan – Acting Director of Public Health Jon Abbey – Director of Children's Services John Everson – Director of Adult Social Care

#### Representatives of the North Central London Integrated Care Board:

Dr Clare O'Brien- Governing Body representative Clare Henderson - Executive Director representative

#### Representative of Healthwatch Islington:

Emma Whitby – Chief Executive, Healthwatch Islington (non-voting)

#### Representatives of the NHS:

Dr Helene Brown, Medical Director, NHS England (non-voting)
Darren Summers – Camden and Islington NHS Trust (non-voting)
Helen Brown – CEO, Whittington NHS Trust (non-voting)

#### **Voluntary Sector Representative:**

To be advised.

#### **Islington GP Federation:**

Michael Clowes, Chief Executive, Islington GP Federation (non-voting)

Substitutes may attend meetings subject to prior agreement of the Chair.

#### **Councillor Substitutes:**

Councillor Una O'Halloran Councillor John Woolf Councillor Roulin Khondoker Councillor Rowena Champion Councillor Diarmaid Ward

Councillor Santiago Bell-Bradford

#### Officer Substitutes:

For Jonathan O'Sullivan - Charlotte Ashton, Islington Deputy Director of Public Health For Jon Abbey – Laura Eden, Director of Safeguarding and Family Support

#### **Clinical Commissioning Group Substitutes:**

For Clare Henderson - Sarah McDonnell-Davies, Executive Director for Borough Partnerships

#### **Healthwatch Islington Substitute:**

For Emma Whitby - Jennifer Kent, Healthwatch Islington

#### **NHS Substitutes:**

For Dr Helene Brown - Dr Hasz Sonigra, Associate Medical Director, NHS England

#### PLANNING COMMITTEE (10 Councillors)

Councillor Martin Klute (Chair) Councillor Hannah McHugh Councillor Dave Poyser (Vice Chair) Councillor Ruth Haynes Councillor Toby North (Vice Chair) Councillor Jason Jackson Councillor Tricia Clarke Councillor Rosaline Ogunro Councillor Benali Hamdache Councillor Paul Convery

#### Substitutes:

Councillor Jilani Chowdhury Councillor Nick Wayne

Councillor Heather Staff Councillor Ernestas Jegorovas-Armstrong

Councillor Jenny Kay

#### **LICENSING COMMITTEE** (15 Councillors)

Councillor Angelo Weekes (Chair) Councillor Ben Mackmurdie Councillor Heather Staff Councillor Joseph Croft Councillor Ilkay Cinko-Oner Councillor Phil Graham Councillor Marian Spall Councillor Bashir Ibrahim Councillor Asima Shaikh Councillor Clare Jeapes

Councillor Valerie Bossman-Quarshie Councillor Matt Nathan

Councillor Nick Wayne Councillor Ernestas Jegorovas-Armstrong Councillor Praful Nargund

#### LICENSING REGULATORY COMMITTEE (4 Councillors)

Councillor Marian Spall (Chair) Councillor Ben Mackmurdie Councillor Phil Graham (Vice-Chair) Councillor Asima Shaikh

**Note:** Appointments to sub-committees of the Executive, the Audit Committee, the Planning Committee and the Licensing Committee will be made at the next meeting of those committees.

#### **STANDARDS COMMITTEE** (4 Councillors and 2 Independent Persons)

Councillor Anjna Khurana (Chair) Councillor Jason Jackson Councillor Fin Craig Councillor Satnam Gill

#### Independent Persons (non-voting members of the committee):

Luke Rigg Robert Milne

#### **GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE** (5 Councillors)

Councillor Sara Hyde (Chair) Councillor Rosaline Ogunro Councillor Diarmaid Ward Councillor Janet Burgess

Councillor Heather Staff

#### **GRIEVANCE APPEAL COMMITTEE** (5 Councillors)

Councillor Jason Jackson (Chair) Councillor Clare Jeapes Councillor Rowena Champion Councillor Marian Spall

Councillor Nurullah Turan

#### INVESTIGATING AND DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE (5 Councillors)

Councillor Nick Wayne (Chair) Councillor Troy Gallagher Councillor Diarmaid Ward Councillor Ruth Hayes

Councillor Una O'Halloran

Substitute:

Councillor Sheila Chapman Councillor Flora Williamson

#### **DISCIPLINARY APPEAL COMMITTEE** (5 Councillors)

Councillor Fin Craig (Chair) Councillor David Poyser
Councillor Michelline Safi Ngongo Councillor Benali Hamdache

Councillor Satnam Gill

#### C. OTHER APPOINTMENTS

#### **Recommendation:**

1) That the following appointments be made for 2023/24 or until successors are appointed:

#### FOSTERING PANEL AND ADOPTION AND PERMANENCE PANEL

Councillor Gulcin Ozdemir

#### **CORPORATE PARENTING BOARD**

Councillor Michelline Safi Ngongo (Chair) Councillor Gulcin Ozdemir Councillor Sheila Chapman Councillor Toby North Councillor Flora Williamson

#### STANDING ADVISORY COUNCIL ON RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (SACRE)

Revd David Allen - Church of England Representative (Chair)
Mary Thorne - Church of England Representative
Ann Dwulit - Teacher Association Representative
Parul Monnan - Religious Representative
Tracey Peters - Religious Representative
Vinay Shah - Religious Representative
Naomi Ter-Berg - Religious Representative
Cllr Michelline Safi Ngongo - Local authority representative
Cllr Saiqa Pandor - Local authority representative

Note: there are vacancies on SACRE and further appointments will be made in due course.

#### TMO LIAISON COMMITTEE

Councillor Mick O'Sullivan

#### **MEMBER CHAMPIONS**

Carers Champion - Councillor Janet Burgess

Equalities Champions - Councillor Hannah McHugh

Arts Champion - Councillor Claire Zammit

Armed Forces Champion - Councillor Marian Spall

Mental Health Champion - Councillor Joseph Croft

Reading Champion – Councillor Valerie Bossman-Quarshie

Recycling Champion – Councillor Clare Jeapes

Small Business, Co-ops and Social Enterprise Champion – Councillor Matt Nathan

Women and Girls Champion - Councillor Saiga Pandor

Private Renters Champion – Councillor Jenny Kay

Migrants Champion – Councillors Heather Staff & Ilkay Cinko-Oner (Job Share)

Young People's Champion – Councillors Fin Craig and Rosaline Ogunro (Job Share)

### **ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING – 11 May 2023**

# APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES TO CERTAIN OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS FOR 2023/24

#### **Recommendations:**

A. To agree the following list of appointments to outside bodies for 2023/24 for the remainder of the year or until successors are appointed:

Outside Body	Term of Office	Member(s)				
London Council Committees:						
Leaders Committee	One Year	Leader: Cllr Comer-Schwartz				
		Deputies:				
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		Cllr Champion				
		Cllr Ward				
Associated Joint	One Year	Cllr Champion				
Committee -						
Transport and		Deputies:				
Environment		Cllr Clarke				
Committee		3 vacancies				
London Councils Fo						
Greater London	One Year	Cllr Ward				
Employment		Deputy: Cllr Bell-Bradford				
Local Government A	ssociation:					
LGA General	One Year	Cllr Comer-Schwartz				
Assembly		Cllr O'Halloran				
		Cllr Ward				
		Cllr Jackson				
Others:						
Angel Business	One Year	Cllr Klute				
Improvement Board	One real	Cili Klute				
Archway Town	One Year	Cllr Burgess				
Centre Management		Cllr Chapman				
Board		С С.нара				
Armed Forces	One Year	Cllr O'Halloran				
Community		Cllr Spall				
Covenant Grant						
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Cross River Partnership	One Year	Cllr Bell-Bradford				
Finsbury Park Town	One Year	Cllr Heather				
Centre Management	2.10 1001					
Group						
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Groundwork London Local Authority Strategic Board	One Year	Cllr Champion
Islington Community Chest Panel	One Year	Cllr O'Halloran Cllr Zammit Cllr Bossman-Quarshie Substitute: Cllr Woolf
London Road Safety Council	One Year	Cllr Champion Deputy: Vacancy
Nags Head Town Centre Management Group	One Year	Cllr Heather Cllr Zammit
Newable	One Year	Cllr Bell-Bradford
North London Waste Authority	One Year	Cllr Champion Cllr Ward
Reserve Forces and Cadets	One Year	Cllr Spall
Safer Neighbourhoods Boards	One Year	Cllr Woolf Cllr Bossman-Quarshie

B. To agree the following list of appointments to outside bodies to take effect on the date indicated, for the term of office indicated, or until successors are appointed:

Outside body	Member(s)	Term of Office	Date Appointment to take effect
Camden and Islington NHS Foundation Trust	Cllr Kay	Three years	June 2023
City YMCA London City and North	Cllr Bossman-Quarshie	Three years	June 2023
Cloudesley Charity	Denise Ward	Four years	May 2023
Moorfields Eye Hospital NHS Foundation Trust	Cllr Bell-Bradford	Three years	May 2023

Councillor Sara Hyde Chief Whip

#### **ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING – 11 MAY 2023**

## APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT PANEL MEMBERS FOR INDEPENDENT ADMISSION APPEAL PANELS AND REVIEW PANELS

(1) The following have been appointed to serve on Independent Admission Appeal Panels. These panels consider appeals against schools' decisions on admissions.

John Coombes Carolyn Wagstaff Sherron Alexander-Bedingfield Constantine Louis Simon Dodds Sandra Morgan-McGovern Philip Stevens Jill Mclaughlin **David Adams** Rob Hull Robert Milne Victoria Nzeribe Anthony Stoll Ruth Grant Maxie Telfer Simon Sherriff Isobel Bevan Dr Susan Rowlands Ashley Smith Marilyn Berk Joanna Atkin Margie Agnew Janice Bailey Dr Judith Richardson Jane Airey Orla MacSherry James Stephenson Andrew Balfour Naomi Greenwood Karris Graham-Moore Nikki Worcester Charlene Wilkinson

(2) The following have been appointed to serve on Independent Review Panels. These panels review decisions about school exclusions.

John Coombes Ruth Grant Sherron Alexander-Bedingfield Dan Mcearney David Adams Robert Milne Rob Hull Victoria Nzeribe Judith Richarson Carolyn Wagstaff Jane Airev Philip Stevens Anthony Stoll Simon Dodds Joanna Atkin Jo Dibb Ashley Smith James Stephenson Jack Sloan Margie Adnew Sarah Beagley Damien Parrott Jenny Lewis Julie Keylock Martha Braithwaite Orla MacSherry Francis Mcdonald-Gonzalez Tim Archer Saul Heselden Martin Jermyn Karris Graham-Moore Janice Bailey Nikki Worcester Emma Weleminky-Smith Andrew Balfour Abdi Garad Bryony Poynor Sarah Amissah Jane Kilgannon Jill Mclaughlin Hannah Nemko

- (3) In accordance with regulations, training will be available to all panel members serving on such panels.
- (4) Each panel is comprised of three members. The council has appointed a pool of potential panel members to ensure that the timeline for convening panel hearings can be met.

(5) In the event that the above panel members are not able to participate in a panel hearing, the council may approach panel members appointed by other London Boroughs to ensure that panel hearings may be heard within the relevant timescales.

#### Recommendation:

- (i) That those appointed to serve on Independent Admission Appeal Panels and Review Panels be noted;
- (ii) That, in the event that panel members are not able to participate in a panel hearing, the council may approach panel members appointed by other London Boroughs to ensure that panel hearings may be held within the relevant timescales.