

**BOROUGH COUNCIL
18 NOVEMBER 1998**

**APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO SERVE ON COMMITTEES 198/99
(Chief Executive)**

1. INTRODUCTION

Under the terms of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989, the Council is required to make appointments to committees in accordance with the wishes expressed by the political group to which seats have been allocated. There are currently a number of vacant seats to be filled and a composite listing of committees and sub committees including current appointments, nominations to vacancies and consequential changes proposed on behalf of the political groups will be circulated prior to the meeting. The Council should now confirm these appointments.

2. RECOMMENDATION

That appointments to committees for the remainder of the current municipal year be made as set out in Annexe 1. (To be circulated)

3. ADVICE RECEIVED FROM STATUTORY AND OTHER OFFICERS

3.1 Borough Solicitor

The procedure for the appointment of Members to serve on committees is prescribed in Sections 15 and 16 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989.

3.2 Borough Finance Officer

There are no financial implications arising directly from this report.

4. SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 4.1 Under the previous agenda item, the Council has been advised that, as a result of the current vacancy, no change to the allocation of seats to political groups is proposed at this time. Accordingly appointments to vacant seats fall to be made within existing allocations.

4.2 The current allocations to committees are as follows:

Committee	Conservative Group	Labour Group
Strategy & Policy (16)	9	7
Education (17)	10	7
Leisure Services (16)	9	7
Planning & Transportation (16)	9	7
Public & Environmental Services (16)	9	7
Social Services & Housing (16)	9	7
Direct Services Board (9)	5	4

4.3 At the Annual Council meeting on 25 March 1998, the following formula was adopted for the allocation of seats on sub committees etc. appointed by the above committees.

Number of Members	Allocation of Seats
3	2 : 1
5	3 : 2
9	5 : 4
20 (Planning Control Sub Committee)	12 : 8

4.4 These allocations will be reflected in Annexe 1 (to follow) which is a consolidated listing of current appointments, nominations by political groups to vacancies and other consequential adjustments. The membership details are recommended for adoption pending a review of the allocation of seats on committees for the remaining part of the municipal year when the results of the by-election for Harmans Water are known.

Background Papers

None – published works only

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