



Council

Dear Councillor

You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of the Council to be held at **6.00 p.m. on Wednesday, 22 May 2024** in the Assembly Room, within the Town Hall, Birkenhead, to take into consideration and determine the following subjects:

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Please note that public seating is limited, therefore members of the public are encouraged to arrive in good time.

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AGENDA SUPPLEMENT

4.A ADOPTION OF A REVISED COUNCIL CONSTITUTION

To consider the recommendations from the Constitution and Standards Committee of 28 February 2024 on revisions to the Officer Code of Conduct, Member Officer Protocol, Media Protocol, Financial Procedure Rules, Members Allowance Scheme, Public Questions and Petitions, Minor amendments and Licensing Code of Good Practice.

4.B APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES

To determine such committees as the Council considers appropriate for the municipal year and, determine the number of members to form the committees and the allocation of

seats

4.C APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRS AND VICE-CHAIRS OF COMMITTEES

To appoint:

- (i) the Leader of the Council (Chair of Policy and Resources Committee)
- (ii) the Deputy Leader of the Council (Vice-Chair of Policy and Resources Committee)
- (iii) the Chairs and Vice-Chairs of all other Council committees, at A above, other than those which the Council has decided should be appointed by the committee itself.

4.D APPOINTMENTS AND NOMINATIONS TO OTHER BODIES AND ORGANISATIONS

Appoint Members to miscellaneous other bodies and appoint Members (and/or other individuals) to outside bodies and organisations, unless otherwise delegated.



Paul Satoor, Chief Executive

TIMINGS AND GUILLOTINE

Members are reminded of the following:

Item 2 - under Standing Order 2(iv) Mayor's announcements normally limited to up to 5 minutes.

Item 4A. – under Standing Order 10.7, public questions, up to 2 minutes allowed to put a question and up to 2 minutes for a response. Up to 30 minutes in total allowed for public questions (Standing Order 2(v)).

Item 4B. - under Standing Order 11.1, representations (statements) up to 3 minutes, with public speaking on any one item not exceeding 10 minutes. Up to 20 minutes in total allowed to receive representations (Standing Order 2(vi)).
Petitions – under Standing Order 11.2, present and speak to a petition for up to 1 minute.

Item 4C. – under Standing Order 12.8, questions on notice from Members will not exceed 1 minute and up to 2 minutes for a response.

Item 6 – under Standing Order 2(xii) the total time allowed for questions and answers on decisions of committees is up to 45 minute.

Under Standing Order 9 of the Council Procedure Rules:

The Mayor will adjourn the meeting for a period of ten minutes at a convenient time after one and a half hours.

Where three hours have elapsed after the commencement of any meeting (and in the case of an extraordinary meeting of Council when two hours have elapsed since commencement of the meeting) the Mayor shall interrupt the meeting and the Member speaking must immediately cease doing so and sit down. The meeting shall then dispose of the item then under consideration as if the motion '*That the question be now put*' had been carried (i.e. the debate shall be concluded by the seconder and by the Member who has the right of reply and the vote will then be taken without any further discussion). This rule will not apply to meetings of a quasi-judicial or regulatory nature.

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Agenda item 4.A - Adoption of a Revised Council Constitution

Green Group Amendment

Moved by Councillor Pat Cleary, seconded by Councillor Jo Bird

Insert additional recommendation 3,

Council is recommended to:

(1) endorse the proposed amendments to the Constitution, as detailed in sections 3.2 to 3.15 of the report as recommended
In the Constitution and Standards Committee.

(2) adopt the revisions to Constitution

(3) That in respect to Part 3(B) Responsibility for Functions – (B) Committees, an additional paragraph be included as follows - All committees adhere to the requirements of Section 15 (as amended) of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 in their composition for political proportionality. In the appointment of Chairs and Vice Chairs, the Council chooses to apply the principle of proportionality so that the number of Chairs and Vice Chairs appointed represents the same proportionality as its council membership.'

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Appendix 1 – Appointment of Committees

Moved by the Mayor and seconded by Councillor Paul Stuart

Committee	Places	Lab	Cons	Green	Lib Dem
Policy and Resources	15	7	4	3	1
Adult Social Care and Public Health	11	5	3	2	1
Children, Young People and Education	11	5	3	2	1
Economy, Regeneration and Housing	11	5	2	3	1
Environment, Climate Emergency and Transport	11	5	3	2	1
Tourism, Communities, Culture and Leisure	11	5	3	2	1
Audit and Risk Management	7	3	2	1	1
Pensions	11	5	3	2	1
Planning	11	5	3	2	1
Regulatory and General Purposes (& Lic. Act)	14	5	3	5	1
TOTAL	113	50	29	24	10

Applying the percentages of each Group's number of Council seats to the overall number of committee places available and based upon a total of 113 committee places, the four political groups would be entitled to a total number of committees places as shown below:

The Labour group wishes to gift a seat to the Green Group on Regulatory and General Purposes Committee. The Conservative Group wishes to gift seats to the Green Group on Economy, Regeneration and Housing Committee and Regulatory and General Purposes Committee

Labour	49.65 rounded to	50
Conservative	29.11 rounded to	29
Green	23.97 rounded to	24
Liberal Democrat	10.27 rounded to	<u>10</u>
		113

Agenda Item 4C

Agenda Item 4.C - COMMITTEE CHAIRS AND VICE-CHAIRS 2024/25

Moved by Councillor Paul Stuart and seconded by Councillor Jean Robinson.

Policy and Resources	Paul Stuart	Jean Robinson
Adult Social Care and Public Health	Julie McManus	Phil Gilchrist
Children, Young People and Education	Sue Powell-Wilde	Chris Carubia
Economy, Regeneration and Housing	Tony Jones	Andrew Hodson
Environment, Climate Emergency and Transport	Liz Grey	Max Booth
Tourism Communities, Culture and Leisure	Ian Lewis	Ann Ainsworth
Audit and Risk Management	Helen Cameron	George Davies
Pensions	Steve Bennett	Jeff Green
Planning	Stuart Kelly	Steve Foulkes
Regulatory and General Purposes	Andrew Hodson	Steve Bennett

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Agenda item 4.D - APPOINTMENT TO OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS

Green Group Amendment

Moved by Councillor Ed Lamb, Seconded by Councillor Molyneux

Insert additional wording to recommendation 2

Council is recommended to,

(1) Note the list of outside bodies

(2) Authorise the Monitoring Officer as proper officer to carry out the wishes of the Leaders of Political Groups during the course of the municipal year, in allocating Members to membership and substitute membership where relevant, of the Outside Bodies listed at Appendix 1, and to appoint those Members with effect from the date at which the proper officer is advised of the names of such Members *with the exception of the Transport Committee of the Liverpool City Region Combined Authority whereby the nominations will be made on a politically proportionate basis – Labour Group 2 / Conservative Group 1/ Green Group 1*

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