

APPOINTMENT AND CONSTITUTION OF COMMITTEES 2012/2013

- (1) This note advises on the allocation of committee places to political groups and representation on the joint authorities in the light of the relative strength of the groups, which, following the 3 May 2012 election is as follows:

| | | |
|------------------|----------|-----------------------|
| Conservative | 22 seats | 33.33% |
| Labour | 37 seats | 56.06% |
| Liberal Democrat | 7 seats | 10.61% |
| | 66 seats | Totals 100.00% |

- (2) Based on the above percentages, the following table indicates the arithmetical entitlement to places that each group would have for different sizes of committee. Although the precise entitlement is shown in brackets, the figures have been rounded up or down to ensure that the Labour Group has an overall majority on each Committee.

| | Conservative | Labour | Lib/Dem |
|-----------|--------------|-----------|-----------|
| 15 places | 5 (4.999) | 8 (8.409) | 2 (1.592) |
| 12 places | 4 (3.999) | 7 (6.727) | 1 (1.273) |
| 11 places | 4 (3.666) | 6 (6.167) | 1 (1.167) |
| 10 places | 3 (3.333) | 6 (5.606) | 1 (1.061) |
| 9 places | 3 (2.999) | 5 (5.045) | 1 (0.955) |
| 8 places | 2 (2.666) | 5 (4.485) | 1 (0.849) |
| 7 places | 2 (2.333) | 4 (3.924) | 1 (0.743) |
| 6 places | 2 (1.999) | 4 (3.364) | 0 (0.637) |
| 5 places | 2 (1.667) | 3 (2.803) | 0 (0.531) |
| 4 places | 1 (1.333) | 3 (2.242) | 0 (0.424) |
| 3 places | 1 (0.999) | 2 (1.682) | 0 (0.319) |

Allocation of Committee Places

- (3) The Council has firstly to apply the percentages in (1) above to the overall number of committee places (Members of the Cabinet and the Standards Committee are not included in those calculations). Applying those percentages and based upon a total of **123** committee places (see (4) below), the three political groups would be entitled to a **total** of committees places as shown below:

| | | |
|------------------|-----------------------|----|
| Conservative | 40.99 rounded up to | 41 |
| Labour | 68.95 rounded up to | 69 |
| Liberal Democrat | 13.05 rounded down to | 13 |

- (4) Applying the arithmetical entitlement in (2) above to **individual** committees would result in the following allocations:

| <u>Committee</u> | <u>Places</u> | <u>Con</u> | <u>Lab</u> | <u>L/Dem</u> |
|---------------------------------|---------------|------------|------------|--------------|
| Audit and Risk Management | 9 | 3 | 5 | 1 |
| Employment and Appointments | 9 | 3 | 5 | 1 |
| Licensing Act 2003 Committee | 15 | 5 | 8 | 2 |
| Licensing, Health & Safety etc. | 11 | 4 | 6 | 1 |
| Pensions | 11 | 4 | 6 | 1 |
| Planning | 11 | 4 | 6 | 1 |
| Children & Young People | 9 | 3 | 5 | 1 |
| Economy & Regeneration | 10 | 3 | 6 | 1 |
| Health & Well Being | 9 | 3 | 5 | 1 |
| Sustainable Communities | 10 | 3 | 6 | 1 |
| Council Excellence | 10 | 3 | 6 | 1 |
| Scrutiny Programme Board | 9 | 3 | 5 | 1 |
| Total | 123 | 41 | 69 | 13 |

- (5) As those totals reflect each group's total entitlement, no further adjustments are necessary.

- (6) As a result of the new Standards regime, which comes into effect from 1 July 2012, and in anticipation of a Standards Committee of nine places, the total number of Committee places will increase to **132**. This would lead to the three political groups being entitled to a **total** of committees places as shown below:

| | | |
|------------------|-----------------------|----|
| Conservative | 43.96 rounded up to | 44 |
| Labour | 73.99 rounded up to | 74 |
| Liberal Democrat | 14.01 rounded down to | 14 |

- (7) Applying the arithmetical entitlement in (6) above to **individual** committees would result in the following allocations, with effect from 1 July 2012:

| <u>Committee</u> | <u>Places</u> | <u>Con</u> | <u>Lab</u> | <u>L/Dem</u> |
|---------------------------------|---------------|------------|------------|--------------|
| Standards | 9 | 3 | 5 | 1 |
| Audit and Risk Management | 9 | 3 | 5 | 1 |
| Employment and Appointments | 9 | 3 | 5 | 1 |
| Licensing Act 2003 Committee | 15 | 5 | 8 | 2 |
| Licensing, Health & Safety etc. | 11 | 4 | 6 | 1 |
| Pensions | 11 | 4 | 6 | 1 |
| Planning | 11 | 4 | 6 | 1 |
| Children & Young People | 9 | 3 | 5 | 1 |
| Economy & Regeneration | 10 | 3 | 6 | 1 |
| Health & Well Being | 9 | 3 | 5 | 1 |
| Sustainable Communities | 10 | 3 | 6 | 1 |
| Council Excellence | 10 | 3 | 6 | 1 |
| Scrutiny Programme Board | 9 | 3 | 5 | 1 |
| Total | 132 | 44 | 74 | 14 |

Joint Authorities

- (8) Appointments to outside organisations (elsewhere on the agenda) require that appointments to the Merseyside Fire and Rescue Authority (4 places), the Merseyside Integrated Transport Authority (4 places) and the Merseyside Police Authority (2 places) should be made so as to reflect the political composition of the Council.
- (9) In terms of the Fire and Transport appointments, the appropriate allocation would be 1 Conservative and 3 Labour and appointments to the Police Authority should be 1 Conservative and 1 Labour.