



Worcester
CITY COUNCIL

ANNUAL COUNCIL

SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA

Date: Tuesday, 16th May, 2017

Time: 7.00 pm

Venue: The Guildhall, Worcester WR1 2EY

ANNUAL COUNCIL

Members of the Council:-

Chairman: The Mayor

Councillor Patricia Agar (L)	Councillor Gareth Jones (C)
Councillor Alan Amos (C)	Councillor Roger Knight (C)
Councillor Bill Amos (C)	Councillor Matt Lacey (C)
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Councillor Tracey Biggs (L)	Councillor Steve Mackay (C)
Councillor Chris Cawthorne (L)	Councillor Chris Mitchell (C)
Councillor Simon Cronin (L)	Councillor Jabba Riaz (C)
Councillor Lynn Denham (L)	Councillor Andrew Roberts (C)
Councillor Paul Denham (L)	Councillor George Squires (L)
Councillor Allah Ditta (C)	Councillor Joy Squires (L)
Councillor Alan Feeny (C)	Councillor Andy Stafford (C)
Councillor Simon Geraghty (C)	Councillor James Stanley (C)
Councillor Adrian Gregson (L)	Councillor Louis Stephen (G)
Councillor Jo Hodges (L)	Councillor Richard Udall (LCo)
Councillor Mrs Lucy Hodgson (C)	Councillor Elaine Williams (L)
Councillor Stephen Hodgson (C)	Councillor Geoff Williams (L)
Councillor Mike Johnson (C)	

C = Conservative L = Labour G = Green

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SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA

Part 1

(ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND DECISION IN PUBLIC)

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| <p>15. POLITICAL BALANCE ON COMMITTEES AND SUB-COMMITTEES
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Ward(s): All Wards
Contact Officer: Timothy O'Gara,
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722019</p> | <p>To note the distribution of seats between political groups that should be applied for 2017/18.</p> |
| <p>20. APPOINTMENT OF INTERIM S.151 OFFICER
Page(s): 5 - 6
Ward(s): All Wards
Contact Officer: Timothy O'Gara,
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722019</p> | <p>To consider an interim appointment to the statutory role of S.151 Officer.</p> |

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Report to: Annual Council, 16th May 2017

Report of: Monitoring Officer

**Subject: POLITICAL BALANCE ON COMMITTEES AND SUB-COMMITTEES
2017/18**

1. Recommendation

1.1 That the Council agree the allocation of seats between political groups for the Municipal Year 2017/18.

2. Background

2.1 At its meeting on 22 November 2016, Full Council resolved to change its governance system from the Cabinet model to the Committee System with effect from Annual Council on 16 May 2017.

2.2 Following the November meeting of Full Council the Monitoring Officer together with the three Group Leaders proposed the detailed design principles for the operation of the Committee system for Council's consideration at its meeting on 21 February 2017. At the meeting Full Council agreed the proposed design proposals for the operation of the Committee System.

2.3 In addition to the requirement to review the allocation of seats between political groups on Committees within the new Committee structure the City Council has a duty to review the allocation of seats to political groups at its Annual Council meeting.

2.4 A political group, as defined in the Local Government (Committees and Political Groups) Regulations 1990, must contain at least two Members and under the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 the Council must adhere to the following principles when allocating seats to political groups:-

- that not all the seats on the body are allocated to the same political group;
- 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 Council's membership (**Gateway 1**);
- that subject to the above two principles, the number of seats on the total of all the committees of the Council allocated to each political group bears the same proportion to the proportion on the Full Council (**Gateway 2**);
- that subject to the above three principles, the number of seats on each committee of the Council allocated to each political group bears the same proportion to the proportion on the Full Council (**Gateway 3**).

2.5 Therefore, under the Local Government and Housing Act 1989, this means that the three political groups, Conservative, Labour and Green are entitled to the following proportion of the overall number of committee places on the politically balanced committees, and as far as is practicable the same proportion of committee places on each committee:-

Conservative 48.57%

Labour 45.71%

Green 5.71%

2.6 In addition to the political balance rules, Full Council at its February meeting agreed that all members of the Council will have an opportunity to serve on at least one of the 'Policy' committees as well as one of the 'Regulatory' committees. The allocation of seats between political groups on the agreed structure of the Committee System and in accordance with the political balance rules is set out in **Appendix 1** of this report.

2.7 Group Leaders have been consulted on the proposal.

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Background Papers: Council Report, 21st February 2017 : Change of Governance Arrangements to the New Committee System

**Political Balance on Committees and Sub-Committees 2017-18
Compliant with Political Balance Regulations**

Committee		Overall Allocations (Gateway 2)			Allocations by Committee (Gateway 3)		
					Con Target %	Lab Target %	Green Target %
Title	New Membership	Con	Lab	Green	48.57%	45.71%	5.71%
Policy & Resources	13	6	6	1	46.15%	46.15%	7.69%
Communities	12	6	6	0	50.00%	50.00%	0.00%
Environment	12	6	5	1	50.00%	41.67%	8.33%
Planning	11	5	5	1	45.45%	45.45%	9.09%
Licensing & Environmental Health	10	5	5	0	50.00%	50.00%	0.00%
Audit & Governance	8	4	3	1	50.00%	37.50%	12.50%
Standards	6	3	3	0	50.00%	50.00%	0.00%
Actual Seats	72	35	33	4			
Actual %	100.00%	48.61%	45.83%	5.56%			
Target %	100.00%	48.57%	45.71%	5.71%			
Target Seats	72	35	33	4			

Group	Members	Target
Conservative	17	48.57%
Labour	16	45.71%
Green	2	5.71%

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Report to: Council, 16th May 2017

Report of: Managing Director

Subject: APPOINTMENT OF INTERIM S.151 OFFICER

1. Recommendation

1.1 That Council appoint Mark Baldwin as the Interim S.151 Officer with immediate effect.

2. Background

2.1 At its meeting on 29 September 2016, Council appointed Clive Whereat as the interim s.151 officer pending a permanent appointment to the post of Corporate Director (Resources and Governance). The appointment process has now completed and the new postholder will be in post at the beginning of August.

3. Appointment of interim s.151 officer

3.1 Having reviewed the Council's resourcing requirements over the next few months it is recommended that Clive Whereat takes on discrete projects to support the Resources Directorate and that the Head of Finance, Mark Baldwin, takes on the statutory role of s.151 Officer on an interim basis.

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Background Papers: None.

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