

STROUD DISTRICT COUNCIL

COUNCIL

THURSDAY, 26 OCTOBER 2023

Report Title	Appointments to Committees and Positions			
Purpose of Report	To update the allocation of seats in accordance with the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 and appoint changes to membership of committees and appointments with effect from 26 October 2023.			
Decision(s)	The Council RESOLVES to approve the changes to committee membership and political balance as set out in the report and appendix.			
Consultation and Feedback	The proposed appointments will have been subject to consultation with the Group Leaders.			
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Options	Members may make alternative nominations to the places available on committees subject to compliance with the allocation rules.			
Appendices	Appendix A – Changes to Committee Membership (To Follow)			
Implications (further details at the end of the report)	Financial	Legal	Equality	Environmental
	No	Yes	No	No

1. Introduction

- 1.1 The Council is required by the Local Government & Housing Act 1989 to review the political balance on its committees on an annual basis and then in any circumstances set out in Regulations under the 1989 Act. Political balance should also be recalculated following changes to the membership of political groups.
- 1.2 Committee Memberships were last agreed at the Council Meetings on the 18 May 2023 and 20 July 2023.
- 1.3 Due to the change to the political group numbers following Councillor Jessie Hoskin's decision to step down from the Labour Group and join the Independent Left Group the political balance has been recalculated.
- 1.4 The changes to political balance and nominations for committees will be reported in Appendix A or otherwise made at the Council Meeting. Appendix A will be circulated prior to the Council Meeting on the 26 October 2023.

2. Political Composition

- 2.1 The Council consists of a number of political groupings. The various groups comprise the following Members:

Conservative Group Councillors (17)			
Gordon Craig	Stephen Davies	Trina Davis	Chris Evans
Victoria Gray	Lindsey Green*	Nick Hurst	Julie Job
Haydn Jones	John Jones	David Mossman	Gill Oxley
Lorraine Patrick	Keith Pearson	Mark Ryder	Haydn Sutton
Brian Tipper			
Community Independent Group Councillors (4)			
Doina Cornell	Colin Fryer	Trevor Hall	Robin Layfield*
Green Group Councillors (14)			
Beki Aldam	Martin Baxendale	Catherine Braun*	Martin Brown
Kate Crews	Jonathan Edmunds	Steve Hynd	Chris Jockel
Norman Kay	Gary Luff	Martin Percy	Lucas Schoemaker
Chloe Turner	Tricia Watson		
Independent Left Group (5)			
Natalie Bennett*	Paula Baker	Helen Fenton	Jessie Hoskin
Mattie Ross			
Labour Group Councillors (4)			
Jenny Miles	Nigel Prenter	Steve Robinson*	Ashley Smith
SDC Liberal Democrat Group Councillors (3)			
George James	Ken Tucker*	Rich Wilsher	

*Group Leader

Note: In addition to the above, there are four Independent Members, namely, Councillors Nigel Studdert-Kennedy (known as 'Conservative - No Group') and Councillors Chris Brine, Laurie Davies and Nick Housden.

3. Committees

3.1 The committees which are subject to political balance requirements currently comprise the following:

Committee	No. of Members on the committee
Audit & Standards	9
Community Services & Licensing	12
Development Control	12
Environment	13
Housing	12
Strategy and Resources	14

4. Implications

4.1 Financial Implications

There are no financial implications arising from the recommendations in this report.

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4.2 Legal Implications

The Council is required to appoint Councillors to committees in accordance with the proportionality rules.

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4.3 Equality Implications

There are not any specific changes to service delivery proposed within this decision.

4.4 Environmental Implications

There are no significant implications within this category.