

Didcot Town Council

Extraordinary meeting of Council 17th July 2017

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Nominations and appointments to standing committees following by-elections

1. This report is a supplementary to the report issued with the agenda. Following the by-elections on 13th July 2017 this now sets out the number of seats held by political parties and independent member(s).
 - 12 Conservative group councillors, which is 57.14% of total members;
 - 6 Labour group councillors, which is 28.57% of total members;
 - 1 Independent councillor, which is 4.76% of total members;
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 - 1 vacancy, amounting to 4.76%
2. Using the percentages above the allocation of the committee places across 26 seats (paragraph 6 of the main report) can be broken down as follows¹. This breakdown totals 25 seats with one remaining because of the existing councillor vacancy:
 - Conservative group – 15 seats (14.86 seats rounded up);
 - Labour group – 7 seats (7.43 rounded down);
 - Independent member – 1 seat (1.24 seats rounded down).
 - Independent member – 1 seat (1.24 seats rounded down).
 - 1 vacancy (1.24 seats rounded down)

¹ The convention used for rounding up/ down: below .5 rounded down, above .5 rounded up.

3. As a guide, for a 7 seat committee this can translate as follows:

- Conservative group – 4 seats (4.00 seats – no rounding needed);
- Labour group – 2 seats (2.00 – no rounding needed);
- Independent member – 0 seats (0.33 seats rounded down);
- Independent member – 0 seats (0.33 seats rounded down);
- 0.33 of a seat exists as a vacancy

4. As a guide, for a 5 seat committee this can translate as follows:

- Conservative group – 3 seats (2.86 seats rounded up);
- Labour group – 1 seat (1.43 seats rounded down);
- Independent member – 0 seats (0.24 seats rounded down).
- Independent member – 0 seats (0.24 seats rounded down).
- 0.24 of a seat exists as a vacancy

5. The table in appendix 1 overleaf details the Conservative and Labour groups' submissions for committee places. The allocations are further summarised below and show the remaining vacancies: two of which the Independent members are entitled to. One additional place remains because of the existing councillor vacancy. As such, nominations are required for the Environment, Planning and Development, and Personnel and Administration committees. Alternatively a place could remain vacant until the September meeting of Council when the political balance will require further review once the existing councillor vacancy is filled.

	Finance and General Purposes Committee (7 members)	Environment Committee (7 members)	Planning and Development Committee (7 members)	Personnel and Administration Committee (5 members)	Count of proposed allocations per group (excluding Independent members/ vacancies)	Summary as per paragraph 3 above
Conservative	5	4	4	3	16	15
Labour	2	2	2	1	7	7
Independent/ vacancy					3 places to allocate (Environment, Planning and Personnel)	3
Total	7	6	6	4	23	25

Appendix 1

	Finance and General Purposes Committee 7 members	Environment Committee 7 members	Planning and Development Committee 7 members	Personnel and Administration Committee 5 members
Chairman	Simon Clarke (C)	Steve Connel (C)	Anthony Dearlove (C)	Bill Service (C)
Vice-Chairman	Tony Harbour (C)	Alan Thompson (C)	Ben Shaw (C)	Simon Clarke (C)
Member 3	Steve Connel (C)	Tim Bedford (C)	Steve Connel (C)	Tony Harbour (C)
Member 4	Anthony Dearlove (C)	Anthony Dearlove (C)	Ron Milton-Eldridge (C)	Des Healy (L)
Member 5	James Hart (C)	Cathy Augustine (L)	Nick Hards (L)	VACANCY
Member 6	Des Healy (L)	Bernard Cooper (L)	Denise Macdonald (L)	
Member 7	Mocky Khan (L)	VACANCY	VACANCY	
Substitute 1	Tim Bedford (C)	Tim Bedford (C)	Simon Clarke (C)	Tim Bedford (C)
Substitute 2	James Hart (C)	Charlie Robertson (C)	Tony Harbour (C)	James Hart (C)
Substitute 3	Ron Milton-Eldridge (C)	Ron Milton-Eldridge (C)	Charlie Robertson (C)	Ben Shaw (C)
Substitute 4	Charlie Robertson (C)	Tony Harbour (C)	Bill Service (C)	Bernard Cooper (L)
Substitute 5	Alan Thompson (C)	Ben Shaw (C)	Alan Thompson (C)	
Substitute 6	Bernard Cooper (L)	Nick Hards (L)	Cathy Augustine (L)	
Substitute 7	Nick Hards (L)	Des Healy (L)	Des Healy (L)	

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