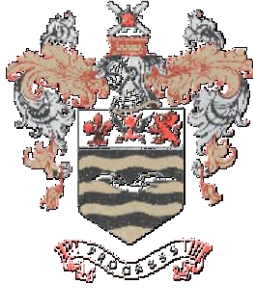


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BLACKPOOL COUNCIL

Wednesday, 30 November 2022

Dear Councillor

Council – 30 November 2022

Please find attached a supplement to Agenda Item 6, revised political balance and membership of committees.

Further to additional changes to the political balance a revised political balance calculation is attached as an addendum to Appendix 6a.

Details of the proposed membership of committees is attached as Appendix 6b.

A proposed amendment to that item has been received from Councillor T Williams, the details of which are set out in the attachment. For Members' convenience the supplement pack also contains a flowchart explaining how amendments are currently dealt with under the Council's Constitution.

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Director of Governance and Partnerships

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Political Balance Allocations - November 2022

STAGE 1 - Percentage representation on the Council:

Party	Membership	Percentage %
Labour	20	47.62
Conservative	14	33.33
Blackpool Independents	<u>3</u>	<u>7.14</u>
	37 *	88.10

* Five councillors are not part of a political group and therefore are not included in these political balance calculations.

STAGE 2 - Total number of seats on committees to be allocated:

Committee Name	Membership
Scrutiny Leadership Board	7 (plus Independent Chair giving overall membership of 8)
Tourism, Economy and Communities Scrutiny Committee	9
Children and Young People's Scrutiny Committee	9
Adult Social Care and Health Scrutiny Committee	9
Audit Committee	7
Planning Committee	7
Appeals Committee	5
Public Protection Sub-Committee	7
Chief Officers Employment Committee	9
Standards Committee	5
	<u>74</u>
Total	74

STAGE 3 - Total allocation of seats to each party:

(This stage is to ensure as far as possible that the number of seats allocated to a group in total, is in the same proportion as the number of members of the group on the Council as a whole)

Party	Number of seats	Seats (rounded)
Labour	35.24	35
Conservative	24.67	25
Blackpool Independents	5.29	<u>5</u>
		65

STAGE 4 - Working calculations for individual committees

(This stage is to ensure that as far as possible, the number of seats allocated to a group on each committee, is in the same proportion as the number of members of the group on the Council as a whole).

Committee	Party	Seats on each committee	Seat entitlement	Allocation for each committee	Adjusted seat allocation	New total of seats on each committee	
Scrutiny Leadership Board	Labour	7	3.33	3	3	7	<p>At Annual Meeting in 2019, agreed for this Cttee to be made up of Chairs/ V Chairs of Scrutiny Cttees, plus Audit Chair (7 members) plus Indep Chair not included in these calculations (making 8 members) therefore political balance adjusted to fit.</p>
	Conservative		2.33	3	4		
	Blackpool Independents		0.50	0	0		
Tourism, Economy and Communities Scrutiny Committee	Labour	9	4.29	4	4	8	
	Conservative		3.00	3	3		
	Blackpool Independents		0.64	1	1		
Children and Young People's Scrutiny Committee	Labour	9	4.29	4	4	8	
	Conservative		3.00	3	3		
	Blackpool Independents		0.64	1	1		
Adult Social Care and Health Scrutiny Committee	Labour	9	4.29	4	4	8	
	Conservative		3.00	3	3		
	Blackpool Independents		0.64	1	1		
Audit	Labour	7	3.33	3	3	5	<p>Agreed at Annual Council that 1 additional seat be given to Blackpool Independents and 1 to Labour to provide an overall balance. 1 seat retained for Conservative group to provide overall balance.</p>
	Conservative		2.33	2	2		
	Blackpool Independents		0.50	0	0		
Planning	Labour	7	3.33	3	4	8	
	Conservative		2.33	2	3		
	Blackpool Independents		0.50	0	1		
Appeals	Labour	5	2.38	2	3	5	<p>Add 1 seat back in for Labour to provide overall balance</p>
	Conservative		1.67	2	2		
	Blackpool Independents		0.36	0	0		
Public Protection Sub-Committee	Labour	7	3.33	3	3	5	
	Conservative		2.33	2	2		
	Blackpool Independents		0.50	0	0		
Chief Officers Employment	Labour	9	4.29	4	4	7	<p>Agreed at Annual meeting to reduce Conservatives by 1 seat to provide overall balance</p>
	Conservative		3.00	3	2		
	Blackpool Independents		0.64	1	1		
Standards	Labour	5	2.38	2	3	4	<p>Add 1 seat back in for Labour to provide overall balance. Agreed in September review to reduce 1 seat for conservatives to provide overall balance</p>
	Conservative		1.67	2	1		
	Blackpool Independents		0.36	0	0		
Total Seats				61		65	

	Stage 4	Stage 4 (revised)	Stage 3
Labour	32	35	35
Conservative	25	25	25
Blackpool Independents	4	5	5
	<u>61</u>	<u>65</u>	<u>65</u>

Note 1

Stage 3 overrides Stage 4. Therefore there has to be changes to the stage 4 allocations to align with the allocations produced by stage 3. (Council agreed at Annual Meeting in May 2019, to have a Scrutiny Leadership Board which was not politically balanced). The seat allocation has been adjusted accordingly.

At the Annual Council meeting in May 2022 and the review in September 2022, committees were adjusted to achieve political balance and where appropriate this has continued. Any exceptions to this are listed in the table above.

If the Council wishes to allocate seats **other** than reflects the revised stage 4 allocation per group, this would require a resolution of Council, which no member votes against.

Note 2

The Licensing Committee does not fall under these statutory rules and has therefore not been included in the political balance calculations

However, it is recommended that the composition of the Licensing Committee be also reflective of the political balance of the Council which now equates to a committee of 13: 7 Labour, 5 Conservative, 1 Blackpool Independent.

Note 3

The Public Protection Sub-Committee **does** not derive its responsibility from the Licensing Act 2003 and **is** therefore part of the aggregate political balance calculations.

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Membership of Committees 2022-2023 (Updated November 2022)

Chief Officers' Employment Committee	Planning Committee	Appeals Committee	Licensing Committee	Public Protection Sub-Committee	Audit Committee	Standards Committee
Councillors:	Councillors:	Councillors:	Councillors:	Councillors:	Councillors:	Councillors:
Williams, Lynn (Lab) Chair	Hunter, Peter (Lab) Chair	Benson, Kath (Lab) Chair	Hutton, Adrian (Lab) Chair	Hutton, Adrian (Lab) Chair	Critchley Kim (Lab) Vice Chair	Benson, Kath (Lab) Chair
Taylor, Ivan (Lab) Vice Chair	O'Hara, David (Lab) Vice Chair	Hutton, Adrian (Lab) Vice Chair	Brookes, Neal (Lab)	Farrell, Jo (Lab)	Burdess, Paula (Lab)	Smith, Mark (Lab) Vice Chair
Campbell, Gillian (Lab)	Farrell, Jo (Lab)	Vacancy (Labour)	Collett, David (Lab)	Hunter, Peter (Lab)	Hunter, Peter (Lab)	Vacancy (Labour)
Hobson, Jim (Lab)	Kirkland, Maria (Lab)	Scott, Rick (Cons)	Cross, Amy (Lab)	Scott, Danny (Cons) Vice Chair	Galley, Paul (Cons) Chair	Clapham, Don (Cons)
Clapham, Don (Cons)	Baker, Graham (Cons)	Williams, Tony (Cons)	Farrell, Jo (Lab)	Wilshaw, Paul (Cons)	Scott, Rick (Cons)	
Williams, Tony (Cons)	Slovan, Julie (Cons)		O'Hara, David (Lab)		Dr Stuart Green, Independent member (as of 01/12/20)	
Coleman, Gary (Blackpool Ind)	Stansfield, Andrew (Cons)		Vacancy (Labour)		Mr David Swift, Independent Member as of 22/06/22)	
	Coleman, Gary (Blackpool Ind)		Scott, Danny (Cons) Vice Chair			
			Baker, Graham (Cons)			
			Cox, Christian (Cons)			
			Slovan, Julie (Cons)			
			Wilshaw, Paul (Cons)			
			Coleman, Gary (Bpool Ind)			
Membership: 7	Membership: 8	Membership: 5	Membership: 13	Membership: 5	Membership: 5	Membership: 4
Labour: 4	Labour: 4	Labour: 3	Labour: 7	Labour: 3	Labour: 3	Labour: 3
Conservative: 2	Conservative: 3	Conservative: 2	Conservative: 5	Conservative: 2	Conservative: 2	Conservative: 1
Blackpool Independents: 1	Blackpool Independents: 1		Blackpool Independents: 1		*Co-opted (independent) members: 2	
The Public Protection Sub Committee and its Chair and Vice-Chair to be appointed at the first meeting of the Licensing Committee.						

Membership of Committees 2022-2023 (Updated November 2022)

Scrutiny Leadership Board	Tourism, Economy and Communities Scrutiny Committee	Children and Young People's Scrutiny Committee	Adult Social Care and Health Scrutiny Committee	Health and Wellbeing Board	Shareholder Committee (committee of Executive)
Councillors:	Councillors:	Councillors:	Councillors:	Membership:	Membership:
Burdess, Paula (Lab)	Jackson, Fred (Lab) Chair	Burdess, Paula (Lab) Chair	Burdess, Paula (Lab)	Farrell, Jo (Lab) Chair	Taylor, Ivan (Lab) Chair
Critchley, Kim (Lab)	Collett, David (Lab)	Critchley, Kim (Lab)	Critchley, Kim (Lab) Chair	Hobson, Jim (Lab)	Williams, Lynn (Lab)
Jackson, Fred (Lab)	Hutton, Adrian (Lab)	Cross, Amy (Lab)	Hunter, Peter (Lab)	Scott, Michele (Cons)	Clapham, Don (Cons)
Galley, Paul (Cons)	Kirkland, Maria (Lab)	Hunter, Peter (Lab)	O'Hara, David (Lab)	Dr Rajpura, Arif	
Scott, Michele (Cons)	Walsh, Gerard (Cons) Vice Chair	Stansfield, Andrew (Cons) Vice Chair	Scott, Michele (Cons) Vice Chair	Gent, Victoria	
Stansfield, Andrew (Cons)	Galley, Paul (Cons)	Mitchell, Bradley (Cons)	Scott, Danny (Cons)	Smith, Karen	
Walsh, Gerard (Cons)	Wilshaw, Paul (Cons)	Scott, Rick (Cons)	Walsh, Gerard (Cons)	Fisher, Roy	
Callow, Maxine Mrs (Ind) Chair	Mitchell, Martin (Bpool Ind)	Mitchell, Martin (Bpool Ind)	Coleman, Debbie (Bpool Ind)	Dr Rudnick, Leanne	
		Snape, Jo #		Doyle, Amanda Vice-Chair	
		(vacancy)		Hartley-Smith, Neil	
		Mike Coole #		Butler, Pearse	
		Gemma Clayton #		Armstrong-Child, Trish	
				Tierney-Moore, Heather	
				Cass, Jane	
				Vacancy	
				Vacancy	
				Robertshaw, Richard	
				Ashton, Jonathan	
				Hopkins, Tracy	
Membership: 8	Membership: 8	Membership: 8	Membership: 8	Membership: 19	Membership: 3
Labour: 3	Labour: 4	Labour: 4	Labour: 4		Labour: 2
Conservative: 4	Conservative: 3	Conservative: 3	Conservative: 3		Conservative co-optee: 1
Independent: 1	Blackpool Independents: 1	Blackpool Independents: 1	Blackpool Independents: 1		
		# Four co-opted members comprising two Parent Governors and two Church representatives.			

With regard to the agenda item 6 of the Council agenda, 'Appointments to Committees' which is due to be moved by Cllr L Williams and seconded by Cllr I Taylor, then once that motion has been moved and seconded, Cllr T Williams has given notice that he would like to submit an amendment with regard to the appointment of Scrutiny Committee Chairs and Vice Chairs.

For ease of reference the motion to be moved by Cllr L Williams is set out below and overleaf is the amendment to be moved by Cllr T Williams.

Motion to be moved by Cllr L Williams

2.0 Recommendation(s):

- 2.1 To re-appoint the following Council committees, with powers and duties as set out in the Council's Constitution:
- Adult Social Care and Health Scrutiny Committee
 - Tourism, Economy and Communities Scrutiny Committee
 - Children and Young People's Scrutiny Committee
 - Audit Committee
 - Appeals Committee
 - Planning Committee
 - Standards Committee
 - Chief Officers Employment Committee
- 2.2 To re-appoint a Scrutiny Leadership Board, with the powers set out in the Council's constitution and for the Board to continue to have an adjusted political balance membership of three Labour, four Conservative (to be made up of the Chairs, Vice Chairs of the three Scrutiny Committees and the Chair of the Audit Committee).
- 2.3 Subject to 2.2 above, to continue the inclusion of the non-aligned member Councillor Mrs Callow to the Board and to also appoint her as Chair of the Scrutiny Leadership Board.
- 2.4 To agree the revised political balance attached at Appendix 6(a) and appointments to the above committees at Appendix 6(b) (the latter will be circulated separately).
- 2.5 To re-appoint the Licensing Committee with the powers and duties as set out in the Constitution (equating to a revised membership figure of 13 and a composition of seven Labour, five Conservative and one Blackpool Independent).
- 2.6 Subject to (2.5) above, to request the Licensing Committee to re-appoint the Public Protection Sub-Committee, with the powers and duties, as set out in the Constitution including the appointment of the Chair and Vice-Chair.
- 2.7 To agree that any membership changes to committees or sub-committees during the remainder of the Municipal Year be reported to the Director of Governance and

Partnerships by the relevant Group Leader for implementation.

- 2.8 Subject to the approval of the above recommendations, to agree to the memberships of the committees of the Council and their Chairs and Vice Chairs as set out in Appendix 6(b) (to be circulated separately).
- 2.9 To note the membership of the Health and Wellbeing Board, as this is unaffected by political balance arrangements.
- 2.10 Subject to the approval of the above recommendations, to agree that the Director of Governance and Partnerships be authorised to amend the Constitution accordingly.

Amendment to be moved by Cllr T Williams and seconded by Cllr D Clapham

To amend the motion as moved by Councillor L Williams with regard to recommendation 2.8 to read as follows (the words to be inserted are underlined and highlighted in yellow):

To agree to the memberships of the committees of the Council and their Chairs and Vice Chairs as set out in Appendix 6(b) except for the appointment of the Chairs and Vice Chairs of the Tourism, Economy and Communities, the Adult Social Care and Health and Children and Young People Scrutiny Committees, with these positions to appointed as follows:

Tourism, Economy and Communities Scrutiny Committee

Chair: Cllr G Walsh (Conservative), Vice Chair: Cllr F Jackson (Labour)

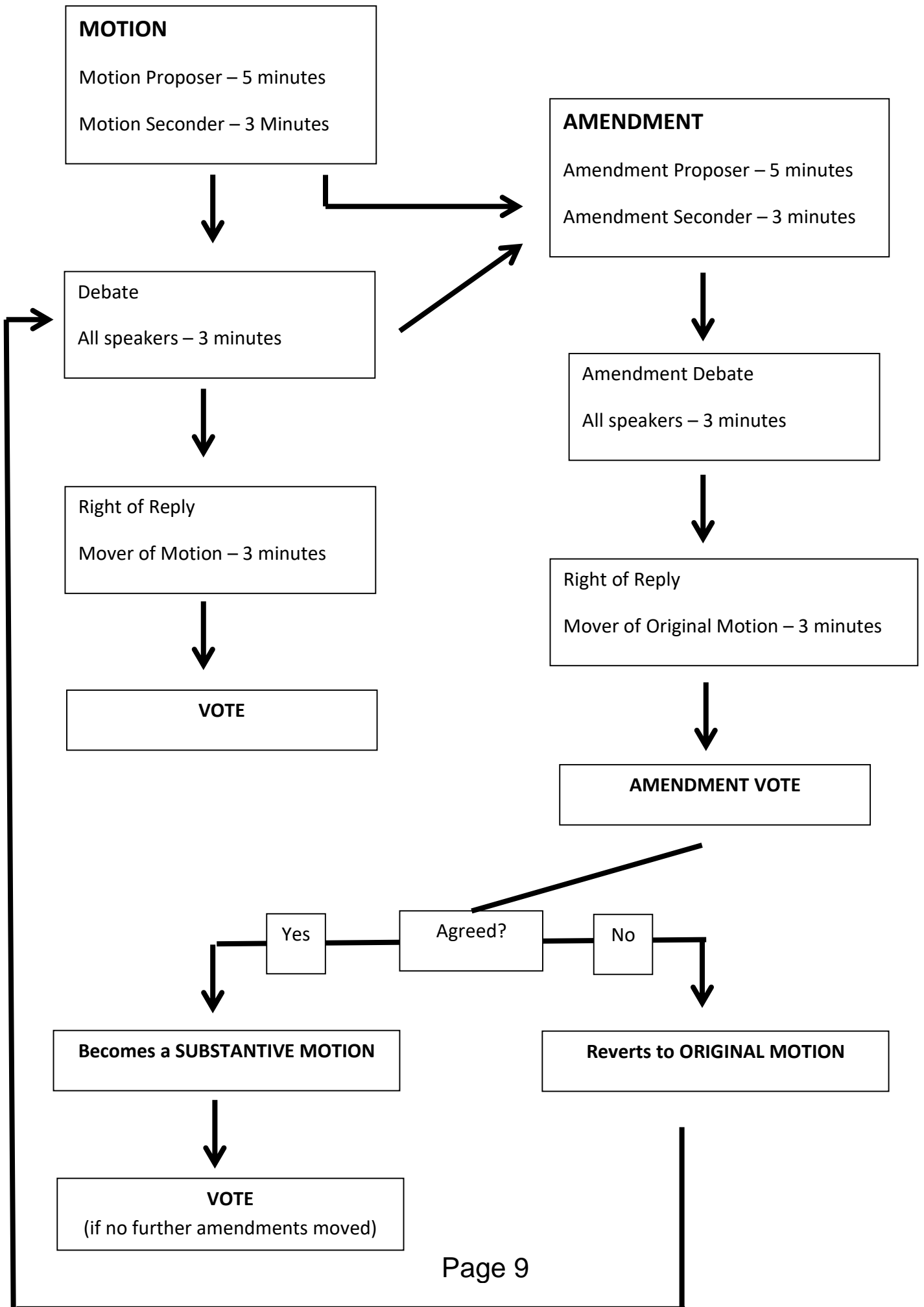
Adult Social Care and Health Scrutiny Committee

Chair: Cllr M Scott (Conservative), Vice Chair: Cllr K Critchley (Labour)

Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee

Chair: Cllr A Stansfield (Conservative), Vice Chair: Cllr P Burdess (Labour)

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