

Merton Council Council

7 February 2024

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Addendum to Council Report

Item 13 – Review of Proportionality and changes to Membership of Committees

Additional section to be added to the report:

1.1. Officers have carried out a review of proportionality and the proposed allocation of seats to committees calculated to reflect the change in the political composition of the Council. This is attached at Appendix A. It is proposed that the size of the Children and Young People Overview and Scrutiny Panel increases in size from 10 seats to 11 and for Councillor Charles to be appointed as a member of the panel as an Independent Member. The increase in size ensures that there is no reduction to any political group's current representation on that panel. Appendices B-D also detail appointments to places on other committees and bodies for Council approval.

1.2 The proposed membership of the Children and Young People Overview and Scrutiny Panel is attached at Appendix B and is for ratification by Council.

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Notes

This includes proportional committees only

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Parties

Seats

Total councillors

Total in groups

57

57

Group columns				
Labour	Con	MPIR	LD	Independent
30	7	2	17	1

Actual allocations columns				

Committees subject to Statutory proportionality	Seats	Exact entitlement					Allocations actual					Variation seats
		Labour	Con	MPIR	LD	Independent	Labour	Con	MPIR	LD	Independent	
Scrutiny committees												
Commission	11	5.79	1.35	0.39	3.28	0.19	6	1	1	3	0	+
Healthier Communities	9	4.74	1.11	0.32	2.68	0.16	5	2	0	2	0	+
Children and Young People	11	5.79	1.35	0.39	3.28	0.19	6	1	0	3	1	+
Sustainable Communities	13	6.84	1.60	0.46	3.88	0.23	7	2	1	3	0	+
JHOSC	2	1.05	0.25	0.07	0.60	0.04	1	0	0	1	0	+
Committees												
Appointments	9	4.74	1.11	0.32	2.68	0.16	5	1	0	3	0	+
Licensing	13	6.84	1.60	0.46	3.88	0.23	7	1	1	4	0	+
Licensing misc	13	6.84	1.60	0.46	3.88	0.23	7	2	0	4	0	+
Planning	10	5.26	1.23	0.35	2.98	0.18	6	1	1	2	0	+
Standards and General Purposes	12	6.32	1.47	0.42	3.58	0.21	7	1	0	4	0	+
Advisory Committees established by the Council												
Pensions Committee	3	1.58	0.37	0.11	0.89	0.05	2	0	0	1	0	+
JCC	7	3.68	0.86	0.25	2.09	0.12	4	1	0	2	0	+
Member School Standards Panel	3	1.58	0.37	0.11	0.89	0.05	2	0	0	1	0	+
Total seats	116	61.05	14.25	4.07	34.60	2.04	65	13	4	33	1	0
Total rounded	116	61	14	4	35	2	Total allocated					116
Variation	+						Variation					+
							Adjustments required					
							-4	+1	+	+2	+1	0

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COMMITTEES, SUB-COMMITTEES AND SCRUTINY BODIES February 2024

COMMITTEE	LABOUR	LIBERAL DEMOCRATS	CONSERVATIVE	MERTON PARK IR	INDEPENDENT
<p>OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMISSION (11 seats + 4 voting Co-opted Members) Substitutes allowed</p> <p>Page 5</p>	<p>Cllr Mike Brunt (Vice-Chair) (O&S) Cllr Usaama Kaweesa (CYP) Cllr Stuart Neaverson (SCS) Cllr Agatha Akyigyina (HCOP) Cllr Billy Hayes Cllr Laxmi Attawar</p> <p>Substitutes: Cllr Michael Butcher Cllr Sheri-Ann Bhim</p>	<p>Cllr John Oliver Cllr Paul Kohler Cllr Tony Reiss</p> <p>Substitutes: Cllr Robert Page Cllr Anthony Fairclough</p>	<p>Cllr Nick McLean</p> <p>Substitute: Cllr Thomas Barlow</p>	<p>Cllr Edward Foley (Chair)</p> <p>Substitute: Cllr Stephen Mercer</p>	
<p>HEALTHIER COMMUNITIES AND OLDER PEOPLE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY (9 seats) Substitutes allowed</p>	<p>Cllr Agatha Akyigyina (Chair) Cllr Slawek Szczepanski Cllr Stuart Neaverson Cllr Laxmi Attawar Cllr Joan Henry</p> <p>Substitutes: Cllr Linda Kirby Cllr Sheri-Ann Bhim</p>	<p>Cllr Jenifer Gould (Vice-Chair) Cllr Simon McGrath</p> <p>Substitutes: Cllr Jil Hall Cllr Tony Reiss</p>	<p>Cllr Andrew Howard Cllr Eleanor Cox</p> <p>Substitute: Cllr Michael Paterson</p>		

COMMITTEE	LABOUR	LIBERAL DEMOCRATS	CONSERVATIVE	MERTON PARK IR	INDEPENDENT
<p>CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANEL (11 seats) Substitutes allowed</p>	<p>Cllr Usaama Kaweesa (Chair) Cllr James Williscroft Cllr Michael Butcher Cllr Joan Henry Cllr Linda Kirby Cllr Billy Hayes</p> <p>Substitutes:</p> <p>Cllr Sheri-Ann Bhim Cllr Edith Macauley</p>	<p>Cllr Chessie Flack (Vice-Chair) Cllr Jil Hall Cllr Samantha MacArthur</p> <p>Substitutes:</p> <p>Cllr Jenifer Gould Cllr Robert Page</p>	<p>Cllr Max Austin</p> <p>Substitute:</p> <p>Cllr Andrew Howard</p>		<p>Cllr Caroline Charles</p>
<p>SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANEL (13 seats) Substitutes allowed</p>	<p>Cllr Stuart Neaverson (Chair) Cllr Martin Whelton Cllr James Williscroft Cllr Dan Johnston Cllr Marsie Skeete Cllr Slawek Szczepanski Cllr Mike Brunt</p> <p>Substitutes:</p> <p>Cllr Sheri-Ann Bhim Cllr Laxmi Attawar</p>	<p>Cllr Anthony Fairclough Cllr John Braithwaite Cllr Victoria Wilson</p> <p>Substitutes:</p> <p>Cllr Samantha MacArthur Cllr Klaar Dresselaers</p>	<p>Cllr Daniel Holden (Vice-Chair) Cllr Nick McLean</p> <p>Substitute:</p> <p>Cllr Max Austin</p>	<p>Cllr Stephen Mercer</p> <p>Substitute:</p> <p>Cllr Edward Foley</p>	

COMMITTEE	LABOUR	LIBERAL DEMOCRATS	CONSERVATIVE	MERTON PARK IR	INDEPENDENT
APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE (10 seats) No substitutes	Cllr Ross Garrod (Chair) Cllr Eleanor Stringer Cllr Billy Christie Cllr Brenda Fraser Cllr Natasha Irons	Cllr Anthony Fairclough Cllr Simon McGrath Cllr Kirsten Galea	Cllr Nick McLean		
HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD (3 seats plus officers, statutory and non-statutory representatives) Proportionality does not apply	Cllr Peter McCabe (Chair) Cllr Brenda Fraser	Cllr Jenifer Gould			

COMMITTEE	LABOUR	LIBERAL DEMOCRATS	CONSERVATIVE	MERTON PARK IR	INDEPENDENT
STANDARDS AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE (12 seats plus 2 Independent Persons) Substitutes allowed	Cllr Martin Whelton (Chair) Cllr Edith Macauley Cllr James Williscroft Cllr Billy Hayes Cllr Laxmi Attawar Cllr Sheri-Ann Bhim Cllr Marsie Skeete Substitutes: Cllr Michael Butcher Cllr TBC	Cllr John Oliver (Vice-Chair) Cllr John Braithwaite Cllr Robert Page Cllr Victoria Wilson Substitutes: Cllr Samantha MacArthur Cllr Simon McGrath	Cllr Andrew Howard Substitute: Cllr Michael Paterson		
JOINT HEALTH COMMITTEES					
SOUTH WEST LONDON AND SURREY JOINT HEALTH OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE (JHOSC) (2 seats) Substitutes allowed	Cllr Agatha Akyigyina Substitute: Cllr TBC	Cllr Jenifer Gould Substitute: Cllr Susie Hicks			

REGULATORY AND QUASI JUDICIAL BODIES

COMMITTEE	LABOUR	LIBERAL DEMOCRATS	CONSERVATIVE	MERTON PARK IR	INDEPENDENT
LICENSING COMMITTEE (Licensing Act and Gambling Act purposes) (13 seats) No substitutes	Cllr Edith Macauley (Chair) Cllr Martin Whelton Cllr James Williscroft Cllr Mike Brunt Cllr Stuart Neaverson Cllr Helena Dollimore Cllr Joan Henry	Cllr Paul Kohler (Vice-Chair) Cllr Jil Hall Cllr Samantha MacArthur Cllr Robert Page	Cllr Michael Paterson	Cllr Stephen Mercer	
LICENSING COMMITTEE (Miscellaneous) (13 Seats) No substitutes	Membership as for Licensing Committee				
LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE (of above committee) (3 seats)	Any 3 members of the Licensing Committee				

<p>DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING APPLICATIONS COMMITTEE (10 seats) Substitutes allowed</p>	<p>Cllr Aidan Mundy (Chair) Cllr Martin Whelton Cllr Michael Butcher Cllr Dan Johnston Cllr Sheri-Ann Bhim Cllr Billy Hayes</p> <p>Substitutes:</p> <p>Cllr Usaama Kaweesa Cllr Stuart Neaverson</p>	<p>Cllr Matthew Willis (Vice-Chair) Cllr Simon McGrath</p> <p>Substitutes:</p> <p>Cllr Kirsten Galea Cllr Susie Hicks</p>	<p>Cllr Thomas Barlow</p> <p>Substitute:</p> <p>Cllr Nick McLean</p>	<p>Cllr Edward Foley</p> <p>Substitute:</p> <p>Cllr Stephen Mercer</p>	
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APPENDIX C

**CONSTITUTION OF CONSULTATIVE FORUMS AND OTHER BODIES AND ALLOCATION OF SEATS TO
GROUPS February 2024**

COMMITTEE	LABOUR	LIBERAL DEMOCRATS	CONSERVATIV E	MERTON PARK IR	INDEPENDENT
COMMUNITY FORUMS – appointment of Chair					
COLLIERS WOOD COMMUNITY FORUM	Cllr Linda Kirby (Chair)				
MITCHAM COMMUNITY FORUM	Cllr Aidan Mundy (Chair)				
MORDEN COMMUNITY FORUM	Cllr Dennis Pearce (Chair)				
RAYNES PARK COMMUNITY FORUM NB. local arrangements in respect of this forum put in place additional meetings with the Chair rotated and drawn from the four wards covered	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
WIMBLEDON COMMUNITY FORUM	N/A	Cllr Paul Kohler (Chair)			

<p>CORPORATE PARENTING STEERING GROUP (2 seats Cabinet Member for Young People & Opposition member on CYP Scrutiny) No substitutes</p>	<p>Cllr Brenda Fraser</p>	<p>Cllr Chessie Flack</p>			
<p>COMMITTEE</p>	<p>LABOUR</p>	<p>LIBERAL</p>	<p>CONSERVATIVE</p>	<p>MERTON PARK IR</p>	<p>INDEPENDENT</p>
<p>JOINT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE WITH ETHNIC MINORITY ORGANISATIONS (6 seats plus representatives of Merton's ethnic minority organisations) Substitutes allowed</p>	<p>Cllr Edith Macauley (Chair) Cllr Agatha Akyigyina Cllr Slawek Szczepanski Cllr Marsie Skeete</p> <p>Substitute: Cllr Laxmi Attawar</p>	<p>Cllr Hina Bokhari Cllr Jenifer Gould</p> <p>Substitute: Cllr Kirsten Galea</p>	<p>Cllr Eleanor Cox</p> <p>Substitute: Cllr Max Austin</p>		
<p>MEMBERS' SCHOOL STANDARDS PANEL (3 seats + 1 substitute)</p>	<p>Cllr Dennis Pearce Cllr Agatha Akyigyina Chair TBC from one of the above</p> <p>Substitutes: Cllr Mike Brunt</p>	<p>Cllr Chessie Flack</p>			
<p>PENSIONS COMMITTEE (3 seats)</p>	<p>Cllr Laxmi Attawar (Chair) Cllr Billy Christie</p>	<p>Cllr John Braithwaite (Vice-Chair)</p>			

COMMITTEE	LABOUR	LIBERAL DEMOCRATS	CONSERVATIVE	MERTON PARK IR	INDEPENDENT
STANDING ADVISORY COUNCIL ON RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (3 seats plus representatives of Christian and other denominations and teacher associations) No substitutes	Note – SACRE elects its own chair Cllr Usaama Attawar Cllr Laxmi Attawar	Cllr Klaar Dresselaers			

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CONSTITUTION OF CONSULTATIVE FORUMS AND OTHER BODIES AND ALLOCATION OF SEATS TO GROUPS February 2024

ORGANISATION	LABOUR	LIBERAL DEMOCRATS	CONSERVATIVE	MERTON PARK IR	INDEPENDENT
Compact Working Group (2 seats)	Cllr Eleanor Stringer	Cllr Samantha MacArthur			
Local Government Association (4 Seats)	Cllr Ross Garrod Cllr Aidan Mundy	Cllr Anthony Fairclough	Cllr Nick McLean		
LGA Urban Commission (1 seat)	Cllr Andrew Judge				
LGIU – Local Government Information Unit (To be appointed by the Executive Leader of the Council)	Cllr Ross Garrod				
London Councils – Greater London Employment forum (1 Seat) (To be appointed by the Executive Leader of the Council)	Cllr Eleanor Stringer Substitute: Cllr Billy Christie				

ORGANISATION	LABOUR	LIBERAL DEMOCRATS	CONSERVATIVE	MERTON PARK IR	
London Councils Leaders' Committee (1 Seat) (To be appointed by the Executive Leader of the Council)	Cllr Ross Garrod				
London Councils Transport and Environment Committee (1 Seat) (To be appointed by the Executive Leader of the Council)	Cllr Natasha Irons Substitute: Cllr Stephen Alambritis				
London Councils Grants Committee (1 Seat) (To be appointed by the Executive Leader of the Council)	Cllr Ross Garrod Substitute: Cllr Eleanor Stringer Cllr Billy Christie				
London Councils Pensions CIV (Common Investment Vehicle) (Sectoral) Joint Committee (1 seat and 2 substitutes)	Cllr Laxmi Attawar Substitutes: Cllr Billy Christie				
London Road Safety Council (2 seats plus accident prevention officer)	Cllr Agatha Akyigyina	Cllr Susie Hicks			
London Youth Games (1 seat)	Cllr Caroline Cooper-Marbiah				

ORGANISATION	LABOUR	LIBERAL DEMOCRATS	CONSERVATIVE	MERTON PARK IR
Merton Community Panel (Clarion Housing) (2 Seats)	Cllr Dan Johnston Substitute: Cllr Slawek Szczepanski	Cllr Klaar Dresselaers		
Merton and Sutton Joint Cemetery Board (Chair and Vice-Chair rotate between Merton and Sutton, appointed by the Board) (5 Seats)	Cllr James Williscroft Cllr Sheri-Ann Bhim Cllr Agatha Akyigyina	Cllr Hina Bokhari	Cllr Michael Paterson	
Mitcham Common Conservators 4 Seats	Cllr Martin Whelton Cllr Dan Johnston Cllr Natasha Irons	Cllr Jenifer Gould		
North East Surrey Crematorium Board (3 Seats)	Cllr James Williscroft Cllr Billy Hayes	Cllr John Oliver		
Pollards Hill Community Committee (2 Seats)	Cllr Martin Whelton Cllr Slawek Szczepanski			

ORGANISATION	LABOUR	LIBERAL DEMOCRATS	CONSERVATIVE	MERTON PARK IR
Safer Merton (2 seats)	Cllr Eleanor Stringer	Cllr Susie Hicks		
Wandle Valley Regional Park Trust	Cllr Natasha Irons			
SW LONDON JOINT WASTE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE (2 seats, Cabinet members)	Cllr Natasha Irons Cllr Billy Christie Substitutes: Cllr Eleanor Stringer Cllr Andrew Judge			
Capital Letters (London) Limited (‘Capital Letters’ Boroughs’ Representative Body (BRB) (1 Seat)	Cllr Andrew Judge			
Tenants Champion	Cllr Andrew Judge			

Living Wage Champion	Cllr Billy Hayes			
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