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Time: 10.00 am  
Venue: Council Chamber, Shirehall, Abbey Foregate, Shrewsbury, SY2 6ND  
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## COUNCIL

### TO FOLLOW REPORT (S)

#### 15 APPOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEES (Pages 1 - 2)

To confirm the following changes of membership:

Audit Committee

The appointment of Mr D Turner as a full Member to replace Mr M Wood.  
The appointment of Mr N Laurens and Mr A Davies as Substitute Members.

North Planning Committee

The appointment of Mr R Hughes as a full Member to replace Mr D Minnery.

South Planning Committee

The appointment of Mr W Parr as a full Member to replace Mr S West.

Standards Committee

The appointment of Mr D Carroll and Mr J Everall as full Members to replace Mrs S West and Mr M Wood respectively.

Strategic Licensing Committee

The appointment of Mr N Laurens as a full Member to replace Mr M Wood  
The appointment of Mr J Cadwallader, Mr D Turner and Mr P Wynn as Substitute Members.

Enterprise and Growth Scrutiny Committee

The appointment of Mr P Wynn as a full Member to replace, former councillor, Mr M Bennett.

The appointment of Mr G Butler as Substitute Member.

Young People's Scrutiny Committee

The appointment of Mr A Walpole as Substitute Member.

Environment and Services Scrutiny Committee

The appointment of Mr D Carroll as a full Member to replace Mr P Adams

The appointment of Mr T Barker as Substitute Member.

Health and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Committee

The appointment of Mr P Adams and Mr D Evans as full Members to replace Mrs C Motley and Mr D Minnery respectively.



<u>Committee and date</u> Council  25 February 2016  10.00 a.m.
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## APPOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEES

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### 1.0 Summary

- 1.1 This report concerns the effect of the recent by-election for the Oswestry South Electoral Division.

### 2.0 Recommendations

- 2.1 That the Council confirms the revised allocation of seats to each of the political groups and the change which is consequential on the result of the by-election.

## REPORT

### 3.0 Background

- 3.1 The provisions of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 require the Council to review the representation of each political group on committees, panels, etc. at each annual meeting or as soon as practicable after group numbers change. The regulations require that all Scrutiny, Standing and Regulatory Committees are politically balanced across the total number of committee places. Subject to that overriding requirement, each committee must also be politically balanced, as far as is reasonably practicable.
- 3.2 The Executive (Cabinet) is not subject to the political balance rules.
- 3.3 Advisory Committees and other ad-hoc bodies and groups are not subject to the political balance rules either, but traditionally political proportionality has been applied to them outside the overall aggregate balance referred to above.

### 4.0 Allocation of Seats

- 4.1 The Council is required to approve the allocation of seats to the political groups for the remainder of the municipal year. In accordance with the Political Balance Rules, the maximum number of seats available to each of the groups will be:

Conservatives	55 seats
Liberal Democrats	16 seats
Labour	12 seats
Independents	5 seats
Non aligned UKIP	1 seat
Non aligned Green	1 seat
<b>Total</b>	<b>90 seats</b>

- 4.2 The effect of the Oswestry South by-election is that the Conservative Group must relinquish one seat to the newly elected unaligned Green Party Member. The seat to be relinquished is from the Strategic Licensing Committee and Mr D Kerr will replace Mr S Davenport.
- 4.3 The change to the political balance does not affect the North Planning Committee. Neither does it affect the Council's entitlement to seats on the Shropshire and Wrekin Combined Fire Authority or the West Mercia Police Authority.

**List of Background Papers (This MUST be completed for all reports, but does not include items containing exempt or confidential information)**  
 The Local Government and Housing Act 1989 and Regulations made thereunder.

**Human Rights Act Appraisal**

The contents of this report are compatible with the provisions of the Human Rights Act 1998

**Environmental Appraisal**

Not Applicable

**Risk Management Appraisal**

The Council is obliged to ensure that the membership of committees and related bodies is proportionate to individual group membership.

**Community / Consultations Appraisal**

Not Applicable

**Cabinet Member**

Malcolm Pate

**Local Member**

All

**Appendices**