

BABERGH DISTRICT COUNCIL

From: Head of Corporate Organisation	Report Number: R3
To: Council	Date of meeting: 19 May 2015

APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO JOINT GROUPS OUTSIDE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To appoint Members to serve on the Council's Joint Bodies, which are not subject to Local Government Act 1972 rules.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 That the political representative calculations for the bodies referred to in Paragraph 8.2 as contained in Appendix 1 be approved.
- 2.2 That the membership of the groups as detailed in Appendix 2 be approved.

3. Financial Implications

- 3.1 None.

4. Risk Management

- 4.1 This report is most closely linked with the Council's Corporate/Significant Business Risk No. 1 (Political and Managerial Leadership). Key risks are set out below:

Risk Description	Likelihood	Impact	Mitigation Measures
Members not appointed and Groups unable to function	Very low	Marginal	Discussions already held with Group Leaders

5. Consultations

- 5.1 Consultations have been undertaken with the Group Leaders.

6. Equality Analysis

- 6.1 Not relevant to this report.

7. Shared Service/Partnership Implications

- 7.1 The bodies identified in Appendix 2 attached have been approved by both Mid Suffolk District Council and Babergh District Council at the Council meetings held in March 2014.

8. Key Information

8.1 The Council meeting on 25 March 2014 agreed to a revised Babergh and Mid Suffolk Committee Structure.

8.2 Included in this structure were the following bodies, which are not subject to the Local Government Act 1972 Committee rules:-

Name	Number
JMIB	5
Joint Housing Board	3 *
Joint Staff Consultation Committee	3
Joint Health and Safety Committee	4
	<u>15</u>

* Appointed for term of office.

8.3 The Local Government Act 1972 states that where a Local Authority is grouped for Committee composition purposes, the Authority is required to make arrangements to ensure that its Committees share the same political balance as the full Council.

8.4 The bodies referred to in 8.2 above fall outside the Local Government Act 1972 rules but there is general acceptance that the total amount of seats should be politically representative. The calculations for these seats are shown in Appendix 1 attached.

8.5 The Political Group Leaders have been requested to provide names to serve on these bodies. For completeness Members serving on the Shared Revenues Partnership are also shown in Appendix 2. However, as this Group also includes Ipswich Borough Council it does not form part of the calculations shown in Appendix 1.

9. Appendices

Title	Location
Appendix 1 – Calculations	Attached
Appendix 2 – Proposed Membership	Attached

10. Background Documents

10.1 None.

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OTHER JOINT GROUPS

BDC MAY 2015 CALCULATIONS				
TOTAL SEATS	PARTY	%	15 SEATS TO BE ALLOCATED	ROUND UP/DOWN
31	CONS	72.09	10.81	11
8	IND	18.60	2.79	3
3	LIB/DEM	6.98	1.05	1
1	LAB	2.33	0.35	0
43		100.00	15.00	15

* Rounded up as largest remainder

COMPOSITION OF COMMITTEES

STRATEGY COMMITTEE (10)

JOINT SCRUTINY COMMITTEE (8)

JOINT AUDIT AND STANDARDS COMMITTEE (8)

PLANNING COMMITTEE (14)

REGULATORY COMMITTEE (10)

JOINT APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE (3)