

Supplement to the agenda for

Council

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Procedure to be followed in the event of multiple nominations for positions at annual Council meeting – 19 May 2023

1. The Chairperson will seek nominations for each position: Chairperson of the Council; Vice Chairperson of the Council; the Leader of the Council; and vacancies for Chairpersons/Vice Chairpersons of committees. Assuming there is more than one candidate a vote will be taken asking members to cast a single vote for the person they want to fill the position.
2. A single vote is taken on all persons.
3. If any one person secures more than 50% of the available votes (that is, more than 50% of present members have voted 'for' that person), then that person is declared the winner having secured the majority vote. If not however then steps 4 onwards is followed.
4. The person with the least votes drops out.
5. A vote is then taken on the remaining persons. If any one person secures more than 50% of the available votes (that is, more than 50% of present members have voted 'for' that person), then that person is declared the winner having secured the majority vote. If not however then steps 6 onwards is followed.
6. The person with the least votes drops out and so on until we face the last person.
7. A vote is then taken on the last person. If more vote 'For' this last person than 'Against' then that person will be declared the winner. If this person does not gain a majority 'For' of those voting then the meeting adjourns for group leaders to discuss. Advice would be if people do not support this person as leader then they should abstain rather than voting against in order for a majority vote to be achieved.
8. Another vote is then taken on the last person. Hopefully at that point they have a majority of those actually voting 'For' (even though those abstaining could be more, as long as those actually voting 'Against' are less than those voting 'For' then they are elected). Those abstaining are not counted in the votes for or against.
9. If there are equal numbers of votes for multiple nominations, the chairperson will have a second or casting vote. There will be no restriction on how the chairperson chooses to exercise a casting vote.

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Appendix 1: Table of membership of respective political groups

Political Group	Membership
Conservative Group	21
Independents for Herefordshire	6
Labour	1*
Liberal Democrats	12
The Green Party	9
True Independents	3
Not aligned	1
<i>Total</i>	<i>53</i>

* Under the rules concerning political groups in the constitution (section 2.2.23) a political group must have two or more members. Councillor Adam Spencer identifies as a Labour councillor but for the purposes of the political proportionality calculations is not aligned to any political group.

Appendix 2: Table of allocation of seats on committees of Council

Committee	Con	IfH	Lib Dem	Green	T Ind	NA¹	Total
Audit and Governance	3	1	2	1	0	0	7
Children and Young People Scrutiny	2	1	1	1	1	1	7
Connected Communities Scrutiny	3	1	2	1	0	0	7
Employment Panel	2	1	1	1	1	0	6
Environment and Sustainability Scrutiny	3	0	2	2	0	0	7
Health, Care and Wellbeing Scrutiny	3	1	2	1	0	0	7
Planning and Regulatory	6	2	3	3	1	0	15
<i>Total</i>	<i>22</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>13</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>56</i>

¹ In respect of the allocation of seats to not aligned members, Council is required to make an individual appointment to each vacancy and therefore, having sought a nomination the following recommendation should be made in respect of each vacancy in turn, e.g.:

Councillor XXX be appointed to sit on the Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee

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Appendix 3: Table of outside bodies with politically proportionate appointments

Outside Body	Con	IfH	Lib Dem	Green	T Ind	NA²	Total
Fire Authority	2	1	1	1	0	1	6
Standing Advisory Council for Religious Education	1	0	1	1	0	0	3
<i>Total</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>9</i>

²In respect of the allocation of seats to not aligned members, Council is required to make an individual appointment to each vacancy and therefore, having sought a nomination, the following recommendation should be made in respect of each vacancy in turn, e.g.:

Councillor XXX be appointed to sit on the Fire Authority

Appendix 5: Paper to table – scrutiny management board – size and allocation of seats. Following the election of Chairpersons and Vice Chairpersons the table below will be completed and tabled for agreement:

	Con	IfH	Lib Dem	Green	T Ind	NA	Total
Scrutiny Management Board							