



WEST OXFORDSHIRE
DISTRICT COUNCIL

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Name and date of Committee	Council – 23 February 2022
Report Number	Agenda Item 11
Subject	POLITICAL COMPOSITION OF THE COUNCIL AND FORMATION OF POLITICAL GROUPS
Wards affected	ALL
Accountable member	Council
Accountable officer	Giles Hughes, Chief Executive Giles.hughes@westoxon.gov.uk
Summary/Purpose	To advise the Council of the notifications received under Regulation 8 of the Local Government (Committees and Political Groups) Regulations 1990 giving the composition of political groups and note the impact on the proportionality of allocated seats to Committees.
Annexes	Annex A - Group schedule 2022 Annex B – Allocation of Committee Seats
Recommendation/s	Council is asked to note Annex A and agree the allocation of seats on Committees.
Corporate priorities	All
Key Decision	No
Exempt	No
Consultees/ Consultation	N/A

1. MAIN POINTS

- 1.1. This report provides Council with information of all notifications received in accordance with Regulation 8 of the Local Government (Committees and Political Groups) Regulations 1990 giving the composition of political groups.

2. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 2.1. None

3. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1. None

4. RISK ASSESSMENT

- 4.1. Not required

5. EQUALITIES IMPACT

- 5.1. Not required

6. ECOLOGICAL AND CLIMATE EMERGENCY IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1. Not required

7. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

- 7.1. None

8. BACKGROUND PAPERS

There are no relevant background papers

Political composition of West Oxfordshire District Council – February 2022

Conservative Group – 27 members	Ward
Jake Acock	Ascott & Shipton
Alaa Al-Yousuf	Freeland & Hanborough
Andrew Beaney	Kingham, Rollright & Enstone
Jill Bull	Carterton North West
Derek Cotterill	Burford
Suzi Coul	Alvescott & Filkins
Maxine Crossland	Carterton North West
Merilyn Davies	Freeland & Hanborough
Rupert Dent	Bampton & Clanfield
Colin Dingwall	Hailey, Minster Lovell & Leafield
Jane Doughty	Witney West
Harry Eaglestone	Witney West
Ted Fenton	Bampton & Clanfield
Steve Good	Standlake, Aston & Stanton Harcourt
Jeff Haine	Milton under Wychwood
David Harvey	Witney South
Gill Hill	Hailey, Minster Lovell & Leafield
Mark Johnson	Witney South
Nick Leverton	Carterton South
Norman MacRae	Carterton North East
Martin McBride	Carterton North East
Michele Mead	Carterton South
Lysette Nicholls	Standlake, Aston & Stanton Harcourt
Alex Postan	Brize Norton & Shilton
Dean Temple	Chadlington & Churchill
Alex Wilson	Kingham, Rollright & Enstone
Ben Woodruff	Ducklington

Liberal Democrat Group – 10 members	Ward
Nathalie Chapple	Stonesfield & Tackley
Julian Cooper	Woodstock & Bladon
Andy Goodwin	Eynsham & Cassington
Andy Graham	Charlbury & Finstock
David Jackson	The Bartons
Liz Leffman	Charlbury & Finstock
Dan Levy	Eynsham & Cassington
Mathew Parkinson	Stonesfield & Tackley
Elizabeth Poskitt	Woodstock & Bladon
Carl Rylett	Eynsham & Cassington

Labour – 5 members	Ward
Joy Aitman	Witney East
Luci Ashbourne	Witney Central
Rosa Bolger	Witney East
Andrew Coles	Witney Central
Owen Collins	Witney South
Labour & Co-operative – 3 members	Ward
Laetisia Carter	Chipping Norton
Duncan Enright	Witney East
Geoff Saul	Chipping Norton
Total Members	8

Independent Group – 2 members	Ward
Richard Landridge	Witney North
Harry St John	North Leigh

The Council also consists of 1 Green and 1 other Independent member. In accordance with the Local Government (Committees and Political Groups) Regulations 1990 this does not constitute a political group, however the Constitution makes provision for them to receive one Committee seat each.

Non-grouped – 2 members	Ward
Andrew Prosser – Green Party	Witney North
Mike Cahill - Independent	Chipping Norton

Political Composition & % of seats
Conservative – 27 members – 55%
Liberal Democrat – 10 members – 20%
Labour & Co-operative Group – 8 members – 16%
Independent Group – 2 members – 4%
Green & Independent – 2 members – 4%
Total – 49 members