

**NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**18 May 2022**

**Outcome of the elections and the report and recommendations of the Allocations Committee**

**Report of the Assistant Chief Executive (Legal and Democratic Services)**

**1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1 To bring to the attention of Council the outcome of the elections and the subsequent allocation of seats on committees, subject to proportional representation.

**2.0 BACKGROUND**

- 2.1 The County Council elections were held on 5 May 2022. The outcome of the elections was as below:

<b>Party</b>	<b>Council seats</b>
Conservative	47
Labour (and Labour and Co-operative Party)	12
Liberal Democrat	12
Independent (unaffiliated)	13
Green	5
Liberal Party	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>90</b>

(Please note that the political parties are as noted on the Notice of Result. At the time of writing the political groups had not been formed. Once the groups are formed, the political proportionality will be recalculated.)

- 2.2 At the time of writing, the Allocations Committee had not met and so this paper provides an overview of the outcome of the proportionality calculation. Details of any changes to the allocation of seats following the meeting of the Allocations Committee will be circulated to all members of the Council.
- 2.3 Two different calculations have been provided. The first is based upon the existing committee sizes (Appendix 1). The second is based upon increasing the committee sizes by 25% to reflect the increase in the overall number of councillors from 72 to 90 (Appendix 2). It is not necessary to increase all committees (by 25% or any other figure) and Council could choose to increase some committees and not others

**3.0 POLITICAL BALANCE GUIDANCE**

- 3.1 The Local Government and Housing Act 1989 introduced a requirement that certain appointments should be proportionate to the political composition of the Council.
- 3.2 The Council or the Committee must give effect to principles set out in the statutory provisions. The principles are:
- 1) All the seats must not be allocated to the same political group
  - 2) The majority of the seats must be allocated to the political group (if any) that holds the majority of seats on the Council

- 3) Subject to 1) and 2), in the case of ordinary committees, the number of seats on the ordinary committees which are allocated to each political group must bear the same proportion to the total of all the seats on the ordinary committees as is borne by the number of members of that group to the membership of the Council.
- 3.3 Please note that “Ordinary Committees” of this Council are: Chief Officer Appointments and Disciplinary Committee; Employment Appeals Committee; Pension Fund Committee; Planning and Regulatory Functions Committee; (Transport) Appeals Committee and Standards Committee.
- 3.4 Scrutiny committees and Audit are not “ordinary committees”.
- 3.5 This means that it is necessary to add up the total number of seats on all the ordinary committees. If a group represents, for example, three quarters of the membership of the Council, it is entitled to three quarters of the total number of seats on all ordinary committees.
- 3.6 This means that on some ordinary committees a group may have more members than the application of the next principle would justify. It provides an allowance for the fact that calculating the proportion will not usually lead to whole numbers.
- 3.7 The duty on the Council is to give effect to these principles *so far as reasonably practicable*. This recognises that there cannot be an exact application of the rules.
- 3.8 Co-optees are ignored in calculating political balance except for any co-opted member with voting rights appointed to a committee with education functions under section 13(5) Local Government and Housing Act 1989 - see section 15 of that Act.

#### **4.0 ADDITIONAL LOCAL CONSIDERATIONS**

- 4.1 It is expected, although not required, that every County Councillor, who is not on the Executive, has a place on either an overview and scrutiny committee or on the Audit Committee.

#### **5.0 AREA CONSTITUENCY COMMITTEES**

- 5.1 Every County Councillor sits on an Area Constituency Committee. Their membership is determined by the location of their Electoral Division. The membership is in Appendix 3.

#### **6.0 APPOINTMENTS TO MAJOR OUTSIDE BODIES**

- 6.1 Below are the seats on the major Outside Bodies, to which the County Council makes appointments. Allocations are detailed below and subject to of any changes to the allocation of seats following the meeting of the Allocations Committee.

<b>OUTSIDE BODY</b>	<b>NYCC SEATS</b>	<b>Conservative</b>	<b>Labour</b>	<b>Liberal Democrat</b>	<b>Independent (unaffiliated)</b>	<b>Green Party</b>	<b>The Liberal Party</b>
North Eastern Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authority	2	2	0	0	0	0	0
North Yorks Moors National Park Authority	4	3	1 or 0	1 or 0	1 or 0	0	0
Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority	5	3	1 or 0	1 or 0	1 or 0	0	0
North Yorkshire Police, Fire and Crime Panel	1	1	0	0	0	0	0

## **7.0 SUBSTITUTE MEMBERS SCHEME**

7.1 Under the Council's Substitute Members scheme, County Councillors have been nominated on the Standing Lists of Substitutes, prepared by the Political Groups. These will be circulated at the meeting of the County Council.

## **8.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

8.1 There are no financial implications arising from this report.

## **9.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

9.1 The legal implications are set out in the body of this report.

## **10.0 CLIMATE CHANGE IMPLICATIONS**

10.1 There are no climate change implications arising from this report.

## **11.0 EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS**

11.1 There are no equality implications arising from this report.

## **12.0 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS**

12.1 The Local Government and Housing Act 1989 introduced a requirement that certain appointments should be proportionate to the political composition of the Council. This report outlines the proportionality calculations and what this then means for the allocation of seats. The report was written before the formation of the Political Groups and the meeting of the Allocations Committee. As such, additional information will be circulated to all councillors, as required.

## **13.0 RECOMMENDATIONS**

13.1 That the composition of the Council and consequent allocation of seats to Political Groups on committees be noted and approved, subject to any additional information that has been circulated to county councillors following the meeting of the Allocations Committee.

13.2 That the Members nominated as Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen of the committees be

appointed, as circulated at the meeting of the County Council.

- 13.3 That the Members of the County Council nominated to serve on each of the Area Constituency Committees, being the Members representing electoral divisions within the area of each Committee, be appointed to the Area Constituency Committee specified.
- 13.4 That the seats on Major Outside Bodies, to which the County Council makes appointments, allocated as shown between the Political Groups, be appointed.
- 13.5 In accordance with the Council's Substitute Members scheme, Members nominated on the Standing Lists of Substitutes, prepared by the Political Groups and circulated at the meeting of the County Council, be appointed.

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## APPENDIX 1 – proportionality calculation based upon existing committee sizes

The calculation has been undertaken in line with the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 and the requirement the majority of the seats on committees must be allocated to the political group (if any) that holds the majority of seats on the Council.

Name of Committee	SEATS	Conservative	Labour		Liberal Democrat		Independent		Green Party		The Liberal Party	
		ALLOC	CALC	ALLOC	CALC	ALLOC	CALC	ALLOC	CALC	ALLOC	CALC	ALLOC
Care and Independence	13	7.00	1.73	1 or 2	1.73	1 or 2	1.88	2	0.72	1 or 0	0.14	0 or 1
Children and Young People	13	7.00	1.73	1 or 2	1.73	1 or 2	1.88	2	0.72	1 or 0	0.14	0 or 1
Corporate and Partnerships	13	7.00	1.73	1 or 2	1.73	1 or 2	1.88	2	0.72	1 or 0	0.14	0 or 1
Scrutiny of Health	13	7.00	1.73	1 or 2	1.73	1 or 2	1.88	2	0.72	1 or 0	0.14	0 or 1
Transport, Economy & Environment	13	7.00	1.73	1 or 2	1.73	1 or 2	1.88	2	0.72	1 or 0	0.14	0 or 1
Audit	8	5.00	1.07	1	1.07	1	1.16	1	0.44	0	0.09	0
<b>TOTALS SCRUTINY</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>40.00</b>	<b>9.73</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>9.73</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>10.54</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>4.06</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0.81</b>	<b>1</b>
Chief Officer Appointments and Disciplinary Committee	8	5.00	1.07	1	1.07	1	1.16	1	0.44	0 or 1	0.09	0
Employment Appeals Committee	4	3.00	0.53	1 or 0	0.53	1 or 0	0.58	1 or 0	0.22	0	0.04	0
Pension Fund	8	5.00	1.07	1	1.07	1	1.16	1	0.44	0 or 1	0.09	0
Planning and Regulatory Functions Committee	11	6.00	1.47	1	1.47	1	1.59	1 or 2	0.61	1	0.12	0
(Transport) Appeals Committee	4	3.00	0.53	1 or 0	0.53	1 or 0	0.58	1 or 0	0.22	0	0.04	0
Standards	5	3.00	0.53	1 or 0	0.53	1 or 0	0.58	1 or 0	0.22	0	0.04	0
<b>TOTALS OTHER</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>25.00</b>	<b>5.20</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5.20</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5.63</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>2.17</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0.43</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>65.00</b>	<b>14.93</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>14.93</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16.18</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>6.22</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>1.24</b>	<b>1</b>

Key:  
SEATS – the number of seats that are available on each committee  
CALC – the proportional allocation of seats based upon the number of County Councillors in different parties as of today  
ALLOC – The indicative seats to be allocated by groups. These numbers will vary as determined by the Allocations Committee.

**APPENDIX 2 – proportionality calculation based upon an increase in the committee size by 25% to reflect the overall increase in the number of county councillors from 72 to 90**

The calculation has been undertaken in line with the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 and the requirement the majority of the seats on committees must be allocated to the political group (if any) that holds the majority of seats on the Council.

Name of Committee	SEATS	Conservative	Labour		Liberal Democrat		Independent		Green Party		The Liberal Party	
		ALLOC	CALC	ALLOC	CALC	ALLOC	CALC	ALLOC	CALC	ALLOC	CALC	ALLOC
Care and Independence	16	9.00	2.13	2	2.13	2	2.31	2	0.89	1	0.18	0 or 1
Children and Young People	16	9.00	2.13	2	2.13	2	2.31	2	0.89	1	0.18	0 or 1
Corporate and Partnerships	16	9.00	2.13	2	2.13	2	2.31	2	0.89	1	0.18	0 or 1
Scrutiny of Health	16	9.00	2.13	2	2.13	2	2.31	2	0.89	1	0.18	0 or 1
Transport, Economy & Environment	16	9.00	2.13	2	2.13	2	2.31	2	0.89	1	0.18	0 or 1
Audit	10	6.00	1.33	1	1.33	1	1.44	1	0.56	1 or 0	0.11	0 or 1
<b>TOTALS SCRUTINY</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>51.00</b>	<b>12.00</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12.00</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>13.00</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>5.00</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1.00</b>	<b>1</b>
Chief Officer Appointments and Disciplinary Committee	10	6.00	1.33	1	1.33	1	1.44	1	0.56	1	0.11	0 or 1
Employment Appeals Committee	5	3.00	0.67	1 or 0	0.67	1 or 0	0.72	1	0.28	0	0.06	0 or 1
Pension Fund	10	6.00	1.33	1	1.33	1	1.44	1	0.56	1	0.11	0 or 1
Planning and Regulatory Functions Committee	13	7.00	1.73	2	1.73	2	1.88	2	0.72	1	0.14	0 or 1
(Transport) Appeals Committee	5	3.00	0.67	1 or 0	0.67	1 or 0	0.72	1	0.28	0	0.06	0 or 1
Standards	6	4.00	0.67	1 or 0	0.67	1 or 0	0.72	1	0.28	0	0.06	0 or 1
<b>TOTALS OTHER</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>29.00</b>	<b>6.40</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6.40</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6.93</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>2.67</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0.53</b>	<b>1</b>
				<b>(17)</b>		<b>(17)</b>		<b>(18)</b>		<b>(8)</b>		<b>(2)</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>139</b>	<b>80.00</b>	<b>18.40</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>18.40</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19.93</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>7.67</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>1.53</b>	<b>2</b>

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**APPENDIX 3 – Membership of the Area Constituency Committees**

<b>Electoral Division</b>	<b>ACC Area</b>	<b>County Councillor</b>
Aire Valley	Skipton & Ripon	Andrew Brown
Aiskew & Leeming	Richmond	John Weighell OBE
Amotherby & Ampleforth	Thirsk & Malton	Steve Mason
Appleton Roebuck & Church Fenton	Selby & Ainsty	Andrew Lee
Barlby & Riccall	Selby & Ainsty	Stephanie Duckett
Bedale	Richmond	David Webster
Bentham & Ingleton	Skipton & Ripon	David Ireton
Bilton & Nidd Gorge	Harrogate & Knaresborough	Paul Haslam
Bilton Grange & New Park	Harrogate & Knaresborough	Monika Slater
Boroughbridge & Claro (part)	Harrogate & Knaresborough	Robert Windass
Boroughbridge & Claro (part)	Selby & Ainsty	
Boroughbridge & Claro (part)	Skipton & Ripon	
Brayton & Barlow	Selby & Ainsty	Mark Crane
Camblesforth & Carlton	Selby & Ainsty	Mike Jordan
Castle	Scarborough & Whitby	Janet Jefferson
Catterick Village & Brompton-on-Swale	Richmond	Carl Les
Cawood & Escrick	Selby & Ainsty	John Cattanach
Cayton	Scarborough & Whitby	Roberta Swiers
Cliffe & North Duffield	Selby & Ainsty	Karl Arthur
Coppice Valley & Duchy	Harrogate & Knaresborough	Peter Lacey
Danby & Mulgrave	Scarborough & Whitby	David Chance
Derwent Valley & Moor	Scarborough & Whitby	David Jeffels
Easingwold	Thirsk & Malton	Nigel Knapton
Eastfield	Scarborough & Whitby	Tony Randerson
Esk Valley & Coast	Scarborough & Whitby	Clive Pearson
Fairfax & Starbeck	Harrogate & Knaresborough	Philip Broadbank
Falsgrave & Stepney	Scarborough & Whitby	Liz Colling
Filey	Thirsk & Malton	Sam Cross

<b>Electoral Division</b>	<b>ACC Area</b>	<b>County Councillor</b>
Glusburn, Cross Hills & Sutton-in-Craven	Skipton & Ripon	Philip Barrett
Great Ayton	Richmond	Heather Moorhouse
Harlow & St. Georges	Harrogate & Knaresborough	Michael Schofield
Helmsley & Sinnington	Thirsk & Malton	George Jabbour
High Harrogate & Kingsley	Harrogate & Knaresborough	Chris Aldred
Hillside & Raskelf (part)	Richmond	Alyson Baker
Hillside & Raskelf (part)	Thirsk & Malton	
Hipswell & Colburn	Richmond	Kevin Foster
Huby & Tollerton	Thirsk & Malton	Malcolm Taylor
Hunmanby & Sherburn	Thirsk & Malton	Michelle Donohue-Moncrieff
Hutton Rudby & Osmotherley	Richmond	Bridget Fortune
Killinghall, Hampsthwaite & Saltergate	Harrogate & Knaresborough	Michael Harrison
Kirkbymoorside & Dales	Thirsk & Malton	Greg White
Knaresborough East	Harrogate & Knaresborough	Hannah Gostlow
Knaresborough West	Harrogate & Knaresborough	Matthew Walker
Leyburn & Middleham	Richmond	Karin Sedgwick
Malton	Thirsk & Malton	Lindsay Burr MBE
Masham & Fountains (part)	Harrogate & Knaresborough	Margaret Atkinson
Masham & Fountains (part)	Skipton & Ripon	
Mid Craven	Skipton & Ripon	Simon Myers
Monk Fryston & South Milford	Selby & Ainsty	Tim Grogan
Morton-on-Swale & Appleton Wiske (part)	Richmond	Annabel Wilkinson
Morton-on-Swale & Appleton Wiske (part)	Thirsk & Malton	
Newby	Scarborough & Whitby	Subash Sharma
North Richmondshire	Richmond	Angus Thompson
Northallerton North & Brompton	Richmond	Steve Watson
Northallerton South	Richmond	Caroline Dickinson
Northstead	Scarborough & Whitby	Eric Broadbent
Norton	Thirsk & Malton	Keane Duncan
Oatlands & Pannal	Harrogate & Knaresborough	John Mann



<b>Electoral Division</b>	<b>ACC Area</b>	<b>County Councillor</b>
Osgoldcross	Selby & Ainsty	John McCartney
Ouseburn (part)	Harrogate & Knaresborough	Arnold Warneken
Ouseburn (part)	Selby & Ainsty	
Pateley Bridge & Nidderdale	Skipton & Ripon	Andrew Murday
Pickering	Thirsk & Malton	Joy Andrews
Richmond	Richmond	Stuart Parsons
Ripon Minster & Moorside	Skipton & Ripon	Andrew Williams
Ripon Ure Bank & Spa	Skipton & Ripon	Barbara Brodigan
Romanby	Richmond	Peter Wilkinson
Scalby & the Coast	Scarborough & Whitby	Derek Bastiman
Scotton & Lower Wensleydale	Richmond	Tom Jones
Seamer	Scarborough & Whitby	Heather Phillips
Selby East	Selby & Ainsty	Jack Proud
Selby West (1)	Selby & Ainsty	Melanie Davis
Selby West (2)	Selby & Ainsty	Steve Shaw-Wright
Settle & Penyghent	Skipton & Ripon	David Staveley
Sherburn in Elmet	Selby & Ainsty	Bob Packham
Sheriff Hutton & Derwent	Thirsk & Malton	Caroline Goodrick
Skipton East & South	Skipton & Ripon	Robert Heseltine
Skipton North & Embsay-with-Eastby	Skipton & Ripon	David Noland
Skipton West & West Craven	Skipton & Ripon	Andy Solloway
Sowerby & Topcliffe	Thirsk & Malton	Dave Whitfield
Spofforth with Lower Wharfedale & Tockwith	Selby & Ainsty	Andy Paraskos
Stokesley	Richmond	Bryn Griffiths
Stray, Woodlands & Hookstone	Harrogate & Knaresborough	Pat Marsh
Tadcaster	Selby & Ainsty	Kirsty Poskitt
Thirsk	Thirsk & Malton	Gareth Dadd
Thornton Dale & Wolds	Thirsk & Malton	Janet Sanderson
Thorpe Willoughby & Hambleton	Selby & Ainsty	Cliff Lunn
Upper Dales	Richmond	Yvonne Peacock

<b>Electoral Division</b>	<b>ACC Area</b>	<b>County Councillor</b>
Valley Gardens & Central Harrogate	Harrogate & Knaresborough	Sam Gibbs
Washburn & Birstwith (part)	Selby & Ainsty	Nathan Hull
Washburn & Birstwith (part)	Skipton & Ripon	
Wathvale & Bishop Monkton	Skipton & Ripon	Nicholas Brown
Weaponness & Ramshill	Scarborough & Whitby	Rich Maw
Wharfedale	Skipton & Ripon	Richard Foster
Whitby Streonshalh	Scarborough & Whitby	Neil Swannick
Whitby West	Scarborough & Whitby	Phillip Trumper
Woodlands	Scarborough & Whitby	John Ritchie

Note – where a councillor’s electoral division covers more than one Area Constituency Committee (ACC), it is intended that they will have full voting rights in the ACC which contains the majority of their electoral division and will be able to attend and speak on the other(s) ACCs in which part of their electoral division is located.