

Number of elected members on Scrutiny Committees

During the discussion at the meeting on 20th May, the Interim Scrutiny Committee requested details of how membership would be allocated to each political group if some of the Scrutiny Committees were made up of 6 elected members and some were made up of 8 elected members. To retain political balance, it is not possible to have 7 members on the Committees.

The tables below show a number of options for the membership of the Committees, how many elected members would be required from each group, how many members from each group would be required to sit on more than one Scrutiny Committee, and how many members from each group would not have a seat on a Scrutiny Committee. Any members without a seat on a Scrutiny Committee, excluding Cabinet Members, the Cabinet Assistant and the Mayor, would be members of the Scrutiny Assembly. (Members are asked to recommend the role of the Deputy Mayor in Scrutiny)

7 Committees of 6 members

Total number of members - 42

	Conservative	Labour	Lib-Dem Independent	TAWPA
Possible Scrutiny Members	17	17	5	4
Scrutiny places	21	13	5	3
Members to sit on 2 Committees	4	0	0	0
Members with no seat	0	4	0	1

7 Committees of 8 members

Total number of members - 56

	Conservative	Labour	Lib-Dem Independent	TAWPA
Possible Scrutiny Members	17	17	5	4
Scrutiny places	28	18	6	4
Members to sit on 2 Committees	11	1	1	0
Members with no seat	0	0	0	0

3 Committees of 6 members, 4 Committees of 8 members

Total number of members - 50

	Conservative	Labour	Lib-Dem Independent	TAWPA
Possible Scrutiny Members	17	17	5	4
Scrutiny places	25	15	6	4
Members to sit on 2 Committees	8	0	1	0
Members with no seat	0	2	0	0

From the discussion on 20th May, the Committees thought most likely to need 8 members were Children & Young People and Efficient, Community Focussed Council, with some discussion about the Environment & Rural Area and Housing, Regeneration and Prosperity.

4 Committees of 6 members, 3 Committees of 8 members

Total number of members - 48

	Conservative	Labour	Lib-Dem Independent	TAWPA
Possible Scrutiny Members	17	17	5	4
Scrutiny places	24	15	6	3
Members to sit on 2 Committees	7	0	1	0
Members with no seat	0	2	0	1

5 Committees of 6, 2 Committees of 8

	Conservative	Labour	Lib-Dem Independent	TAWPA
Possible Scrutiny Members	17	17	5	4
Scrutiny places	23	14	6	3

Members to sit on 2 Committees	6	0	1	0
Members with no seat	0	3	0	1

Co-opted Scrutiny Members

In order to inform Committee Members' discussions regarding the number of elected members on Scrutiny Committees, this section sets out the number of co-opted members that currently sit on scrutiny.

In total there are 15 places for co-opted members, with two currently vacant (Church of England Diocese representative and Local Involvement Network representative).

4 statutory co-opted members will sit on the Children & Young People Scrutiny Committee, and these members have voting rights with regard to education matters:

- 1 Church of England Diocese representative (currently vacant)
- 1 Roman Catholic Diocese representative (Austin Atkinson)
- 1 primary Parent Governor representative (Mel Ward)
- 1 secondary Parent Governor representative (Christine Wilton)

In addition to the statutory co-opted members, we have a number of co-opted members who joined scrutiny in 2008. These members are listed below, under the name of the Scrutiny Committee that they would sit on, according to the reason that they were taken on as scrutiny members. Until members review the Protocol for Co-opted Scrutiny Members, there will be 3 Scrutiny Committees with no co-opted members (Community Protection & Cohesion, Housing, Regeneration & Prosperity and Active Lifestyles – Leisure & Culture).

Adult Care & Support

- Dilys Davis – experience of working in the NHS*
- Dag Saunders – Senior Citizens Forum representative*
- Vacancy – Local Involvement Network (LINK) representative*

* These members are appointed to the Joint Health Scrutiny Committee with voting rights.

Efficient, Community Focussed Council

- Roy Williams – experience as borough and parish Councillor
- Maurice Viney – knowledge of budgets

Environment & Rural Area

- Lynda Baker Oliver – Parish Councillor with particular interest in environmental issues

Children & Young People

- Shaukat Ali – background in higher education, including teaching and as a school and college governor
- Dan Greenwood – young person representative from the Young People’s Forum
- Sue Harris – headteacher
- Phoebe Lill – young person representative from the Young People’s Forum
- Michelle Sedgebeer – teacher