



Borough of Telford and Wrekin

Full Council

Thursday 21 May 2026

Appointment of Committees and Boards for 2026/2027

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Wards Affected:	All Wards
Key Decision:	Not Key Decision
Forward Plan:	No
Report considered by:	Full Council – 21 May 2026

1.0 Recommendations for decision/noting:

Full Council is asked to:-

- 1.1 appoint the Committees and Boards, as Shown at Appendix A of the report, for the 2026/2027 Municipal Year, and approve the appointment of the Chair and Vice-Chair for each body;
- 1.2 approve the Monitoring Officer being authorised to give effect to nominations to Committees and Boards notified to her in writing by Group Leaders; and
- 1.3 confirm that the approval of the Terms of Reference for each Committee and Board be delegated to the relevant Committee or Board.

2.0 Purpose of Report

2.1 The report sets out the Committees and Boards to be appointed for the 2026/27 Municipal year; the Members who will serve on these bodies; and the proposed nominees for Chair and Vice-Chair.

3.0 Background

3.1 In accordance with the Constitution, the Annual Meeting of the Council will appoint such committees and boards as the Council considers appropriate to deal with matters which are neither reserved to the Council nor are Cabinet functions; will agree the size of each Committee; and will appoint a Chair, Vice-Chair, Members and substitute Members (where appropriate) for each committee and board in accordance with political balance rules.

4.0 Summary of main proposals

4.1 The various Committees and Boards to be appointed for 2026-2027 are shown at Appendix A.

4.2 Political balance rules have been applied where appropriate in terms of:

- (a) the allocation of seats to political groups on each individual Committee/Board; and
- (b) the overall number of seats allocated to each political group reflecting the relative size of each group as a percentage of the total number of Council members.

4.3 Group Leaders have endorsed the allocation of seats to the Committees/Boards, based on the principles set out at paragraph 4.2. Each political group has submitted nominations to its allotted seats, and the proposed membership for each Committee/Board (including substitutes where appropriate) is shown at Appendix A.

4.4 Appendix A also shows the nominees for Chair of each body and for Vice-Chair of each body (except for Scrutiny Board/Committees), for approval.

4.5 Council is also asked to re-assert delegated authority to the Monitoring Officer to appoint Members to Committees and Boards in accordance with the wishes of the Group Leaders as notified in writing. This delegation avoids the necessity to refer each nomination to Council and it is effectively an administrative task. If the delegation is approved, the Monitoring Officer must give effect to the nomination, provided it is lawful and not contrary to the Council's own procedure rules or when the appointment is exercisable only by the Cabinet.

4.6 It is requested that authority is delegated to the Monitoring Officer, in consultation with Group Leaders, to agree the political balance and committee seat allocations following any changes to the Council's makeup within the municipal year.

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4.7 The Constitution requires Council to agree the Terms of Reference of all Committees and Boards. It is recommended that each Committee be authorised to review and approve its own Terms of Reference.

5.0 Alternative Options

5.1 It is a statutory requirement for Council to make appointments to Boards and Committees at its Annual Meeting.

6.0 Key Risks

6.1 There are no key risks associated with the recommendations contained within this report.

7.0 Council Priorities

7.1 The recommendation in this report are aligned with the Council priority to be a community-focussed, innovative Council providing efficient, effective and quality services.

8.0 Financial Implications

8.1 There are no financial implications arising from this report.

9.0 Legal and HR Implications

9.1 Full Council at its Annual General Meeting should make appointments to its Committees and Boards for the forthcoming municipal year. In addition, Full Council has the power to delegate authority to a designated officer as envisaged by the recommendations in this report.

9.2 Full Council has ultimate responsibility for the Constitution and can legally effect change to the committee structure of the Council, the employment procedure rules and the contract procedure rules.

9.3 There are no human resource implications arising from this report.

10.0 Background Papers

10.1 None.

11.0 Appendices

A Boards and Committees Membership 2026/27.

12.0 Report Sign Off

Signed off by	Date sent	Date signed off	Initials
Legal	08/05/2026	11/05/2026	RP