


Report to:	Strategy and Resources Committee	Date:	22 May 2017
Report title:	Sub-Committee Arrangements for 2017/18		
Report from:	Jessica Crowe, Monitoring Officer		
Ward/Areas affected:	Borough Wide		
Chair of Committee/Lead Member:	Not Applicable		
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Corporate Plan Priorities:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An Open Council • A Fair Council 		
Open/Exempt:	Open		
Signed:		Date:	12 May 2017

1. Summary

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is for members of the Strategy and Resources Committee to consider the appointment of a sub-committee to act as a shareholder board companies established by the Council which currently includes Opportunity Sutton Ltd, Encompass and Sutton Education Services.

2. Recommendations

The Strategy and Resources is recommended to:

- 2.1 To establish the Sutton Shareholdings Board as a sub-committee of the Strategy and Resources Committee.
- 2.2 To appoint members, including a chair and vice chair, of the Sutton Shareholdings Board, as set out in paragraph 4.2.
- 2.3 To note that Council has delegated authority to the Monitoring Officer to make consequential amendments to the Constitution arising out of changes to names and compositions of committees.

3. Background



3.1 The Local Government and Housing Act 1989 established the principle of the proportional allocation of committee and sub-committee seats. Section 15 of the Act requires the following principles to be followed:

- a) That not all seats on a committee or sub-committee are allocated to the same party.
- b) That the majority party must have the majority of seats on each committee or sub-committee.
- c) Subject to the above two principles, that the number of seats on the **total** of all the ordinary committees allocated to each group bears the same proportion to the proportion on the full Council.
- d) Subject to a) and c) that the number of seats on each ordinary committee and each sub-committee allocated to each group bears the same proportion to the proportion on the full Council

4. Issues

4.1 Sub-committees are not 'ordinary' committees and are considered individually for the purposes of proportionality. So far as is reasonably practicable to do so, the allocation of seats on a sub-committee should bear the same proportion of seats to the number of seats held by each group on the Council. Article 7 of the Council's Constitution sets out how the sub-committee is established - as a sub-committee of the Strategy and Resources Committee and comprising of five elected members on a proportional basis. This means that 4 seats are allocated to the Liberal Democrat Group and 1 seat to the Conservative group.

4.2 The political groups have provided the following members:

Councillors Simon Wales (Chair) (Lib Dem), Jayne McCoy (Vice Chair) (Lib Dem), Sunita Gordon (Lib Dem), Daniel Sangster (Lib Dem) and Neil Garratt (Con)

5. Options Considered

5.1 Not applicable

6. Impacts and Implications

Financial

6.1 None arising from this report.

Legal

6.2 None arising from this report.

7. Appendices and Background Documents

Appendix letter	Title
	None

Background documents
None

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