

**APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS OF COMMITTEES FOR 2026/27**

**NORTH HERTFORDSHIRE COUNCIL**

**CONSTITUTION OF COMMITTEES, SUB-COMMITTEES, WORKING GROUPS AND PANELS 2026/2027**

Set out below are the proposed Members of the Committees, Sub-Committees, Working Groups and Panels for the Civic Year 2026-2027

Each committee/panel is with the numbers provisionally allocated, on a proportional basis, to each group for 2026/27. The proportionality calculations are included as Appendix A.

*N.B. Any changes to Members appointed by Annual Council to Committees, Sub-Committee, Panels, Boards and outside bodies or as substitutes throughout the civic year should be notified in writing to the Service Director/Democratic Services Manager for consultation with Group Leaders as per 14.6.9 (a) (xix) of the Council's Constitution.*

**Please indicate which Members you want to nominate for the positions on each of the Committees, Panels, Working Groups and Sub-Committees below.**

Committee	Party	Number of seats (subs)	2026/27 Nominees ( <i>subs</i> )
Overview and Scrutiny Committee (12 Members)	Conservative	2 (2)	Cllr Ralph Muncer Cllr Martin Prescott <i>Cllr Claire Strong</i> <b>VACANCY</b>
	Labour & Co-Operative	4 (2)	Cllr Daniel Wright-Mason Cllr Elizabeth Dennis Cllr Nigel Mason Cllr Sadie Billing <i>Cllr Vijaiya Poopalasingham</i> <i>Cllr Sarah Lucas</i>
	Liberal Democrat	6 (3)	Cllr Jon Clayden Cllr Claire Winchester Cllr Paul Ward Cllr David Chalmers Cllr Dominic Griffiths Cllr Caroline McDonnell <i>Cllr Matt Barnes</i> <i>Cllr Bryony May</i> <i>Cllr Sam Collins</i>
Finance, Audit and Risk Committee (7 Members)	Conservative	1 (2)	Cllr Steven Patmore <i>Cllr Ralph Muncer</i> <i>Cllr David Barnard</i>
	Labour & Co-Operative	4 (2)	Cllr Vijaiya Poopalasingham Cllr Sarah Lucas Cllr Stewart Willoughby Cllr Alistair Willoughby <i>Cllr Claire Billing</i> <i>Cllr Elizabeth Dennis</i>
	Liberal Democrat	3 (2)	Cllr Paul Ward Cllr Ruth Brown Cllr Chris Lucas <i>Cllr Dominic Griffiths</i> <i>Cllr Matt Barnes</i>

Planning Control Committee (12 Members)	Conservative	1 (2 / 3*)	Cllr Martin Prescott <i>Cllr Joe Graziano</i> <i>Cllr Claire Strong</i> (VACANCY)
	Labour & Co-Operative	6 (3 / 4*)	Cllr Nigel Mason Cllr Emma Fernandes Cllr Dave Winstanley Cllr Clare Billing Cllr Val Bryant Cllr Ian Mantle <i>Cllr Mick Debenham</i> <i>Cllr Sadie Billing</i> <i>Cllr Tamsin Thomas</i> (VACANCY)
	Liberal Democrat	5 (3 / 4*)	Cllr Louise Peace Cllr Tom Tyson Cllr Ruth Brown Cllr Caroline McDonnell Cllr Claire Winchester <i>Cllr Bryony May</i> <i>Cllr Steve Jarvis</i> <i>Cllr Jon Clayden</i> (Cllr Sam Collins)

\* N.B. Additional substitutes on Planning Control Committee will be subject to approval at Annual Council.

Licensing and Regulation Committee  (up to 15 Members)	Conservative	2	Cllr David Barnard Cllr Steven Patmore
	Labour & Co-Operative	7	Cllr Dave Winstanley Cllr Amy Allen Cllr Daniel Allen Cllr Ian Albert Cllr Elizabeth Dennis Cllr Alistair Willoughby Cllr Stewart Willoughby
	Liberal Democrat	6	Cllr Keith Hoskins Cllr Bryony May Cllr Tina Bhartwas Cllr Sean Prendergast Cllr Tim Johnson Cllr Lisa Nash
Standards Committee  (13 Members)  Independent Person, two Reserve Independent Persons (advisory roles)  2 Parish Council Members – non-voting co-optees	Conservative	1 (2)	Cllr Ralph Muncer <i>Cllr Joe Graziano</i> <i>Cllr Claire Strong</i>
	Labour & Co-Operative	6 (3)	Cllr Vijaiya Poopalasingham Cllr Sean Nolan Cllr Elizabeth Dennis Cllr Val Bryant Cllr Ian Albert Cllr Sadie Billing <i>Cllr Ian Mantle</i> <i>Cllr Dave Winstanley</i> <i>Cllr Alistair Willoughby</i>
	Liberal Democrat	5 (3)	Cllr Bryony May Cllr Sean Prendergast Cllr Paul Ward Cllr Tina Bhartwas Cllr Dominic Griffiths <i>Cllr Keith Hoskins</i> <i>Cllr Sam Collins</i> <i>Cllr Jon Clayden</i>

Council Tax Setting Committee (5 Members)	Conservative	1 (2)	Cllr Ralph Muncer <i>Cllr Steven Patmore</i> VACANCY
	Labour & Co-Operative	3 (3)	Cllr Ian Albert Cllr Val Bryant Cllr Sean Nolan <i>Cllr Laura Williams</i> <i>Cllr Mick Debenham</i> <i>Cllr Amy Allen</i>
	Liberal Democrat	1 (2)	Cllr Paul Ward <i>Cllr Ruth Brown</i> VACANCY
Employment Committee (5 Members, including <b>at least</b> 1 member of Cabinet)	Conservative	1 (2)	Cllr Ralph Muncer <i>Cllr Claire Strong</i> VACANCY
	Labour & Co-Operative	2 (2)	Cllr Ian Albert Cllr Val Bryant <i>Cllr Sean Nolan</i> VACANCY
	Liberal Democrat	2 (2)	Cllr Keith Hoskins Cllr Bryony May <i>Cllr Ruth Brown</i> <i>Cllr Sam Collins</i>
Employment Appeals Committee (4 Members, who are <b>not</b> members of Employment Committee and <b>at least</b> 1 member of Cabinet)	Conservative	1 (2)	Cllr Joe Graziano <i>Cllr Michael Muir</i> VACANCY
	Labour & Co-Operative	2 (2)	Cllr Mick Debenham Cllr Nigel Mason <i>Cllr Cathy Brownjohn</i> <i>Cllr Stewart Willoughby</i>
	Liberal Democrat	1 (2)	Cllr Steve Jarvis <i>Cllr David Chalmers</i> VACANCY

Joint Staff Consultative Committee (5 Members)	Conservative	1 (2)	Cllr Claire Strong <i>Cllr Joe Graziano</i> <b>VACANCY</b>
	Labour & Co-Operative	2 (2)	Cllr Val Bryant Cllr Ian Albert <i>Cllr Sadie Billing</i> <i>Cllr Nigel Mason</i>
	Liberal Democrat	2 (2)	Cllr Bryony May Cllr Keith Hoskins <i>Cllr Ruth Brown</i> <b>VACANCY</b>

**Bodies not included in proportionality calculations**

Committee/Panel	Party	Number of seats (subs)	2024/25 Nominees
Cabinet Panel on Environment (9 Members)	Conservative	3 (3)	Cllr Claire Strong Cllr Joe Graziano VACANCY VACANCY VACANCY VACANCY
	Labour & Co-Operative	3 (3)	Cllr Amy Allen Cllr Emma Fernandes Cllr Dnaiel Wright-Mason <i>Cllr Val Bryant</i> <i>Cllr Donna Wright</i> VACANCY
	Liberal Democrat	3 (3)	Cllr Bryony May Cllr Paul Ward Cllr Caroline McDonnell <i>Cllr Tina Bhartwas</i> <i>Cllr Sam Collins</i> <i>Cllr Dominic Griffiths</i>
District Wide Community Facilities Capital and Revenue Grant Panel (10 Members)	Conservative	1	Cllr Joe Graziano
	Labour & Co-Operative	5	Cllr Vijaiya Poopalasingham Cllr Sean Nolan Cllr Ian Albert Cllr Nigel Mason Cllr Donna Wright
	Liberal Democrat	4	Cllr Tim Johnson Cllr Keith Hoskins Cllr Paul Ward Cllr David Chalmers

Joint Member Panel – LGC Heritage Foundation (All Letchworth Members)	Conservative	0	
	Labour & Co-Operative	8	Cllr Daniel Allen Cllr Amy Allen Cllr Mick Debenham Cllr Tamsin Thomas Cllr Ian Mantle Cllr Sadie Billing Cllr Emma Fernandes Cllr Sean Nolan
	Liberal Democrat	4	Cllr Sean Prendergast Cllr David Chalmers Cllr Claire Winchester Cllr Tina Bhartwas
Herts Growth Board (Leader of the Council)	Labour & Co-Operative	1 (1)	Cllr Val Bryant <i>Cllr Sean Nolan</i>
Herts Growth Board Scrutiny Committee  (1 Non-Cabinet Member)	Labour & Co-Operative	1	Cllr Dave Winstanley
CCTV Partnership Joint Executive (3 Members of Cabinet)	Labour & Co-Operative	3	Cllr Ian Albert Cllr Val Bryant Cllr Mick Debenham
Constitutional & Governance Working Group  (3 members, Party Group Leaders)	Conservative	1	Cllr Ralph Muncer
	Labour & Co-Operative	1	Cllr Val Bryant
	Liberal Democrat	1	Cllr Ruth Brown
Community Governance Review Working Group  (3 members, Party Group Leaders)	Conservative	1	Cllr Ralph Muncer
	Labour & Co-Operative	1	Cllr Val Bryant
	Liberal Democrat	1	Cllr Ruth Brown

Cabinet Sub-Committee (Council Charities) (3 Members of Cabinet)	Labour & Co-Operative	3	Cllr Ian Albert Cllr Amy Allen Cllr Mick Debenham
Cabinet Sub-Committee (Local Authority Trading Companies Shareholder) (3 Members of Cabinet)	Labour & Co-Operative	3	Cllr Ian Albert Cllr Daniel Allen Cllr Tamsin Thomas

**Community Forums**

<b>Community Forum</b>	<b>Party</b>	<b>Number of seats</b>	<b>2024/25 Members</b>
Baldock and District Community Forum  (7 members)	Conservative	1	Cllr Michael Muir
	Labour & Co-Operative	3	Cllr Alistair Willoughby Cllr Stewart Willoughby Cllr Rhona Cameron
	Liberal Democrat	2	Cllr Tom Tyson Cllr Steve Jarvis
	Independent	1	Cllr Emma Rowe
Hitchin Community Forum  (12 members)	Conservative	0	
	Labour & Co-Operative	8	Cllr Ian Albert Cllr Elizabeth Dennis Cllr Nigel Mason Cllr Daniel Wright-Mason Cllr Donna Wright Cllr Val Bryant Cllr Dave Winstanley Cllr Clare Billing
	Liberal Democrat	4	Cllr Chris Lucas Cllr Keith Hoskins Cllr Sam Collins Cllr Jon Clayden
Letchworth Community Forum  (12 members)	Conservative	0	
	Labour & Co-Operative	8	Cllr Daniel Allen Cllr Amy Allen Cllr Mick Debenham Cllr Tamsin Thomas Cllr Ian Mantle Cllr Sadie Billing Cllr Emma Fernandes Cllr Sean Nolan

	Liberal Democrat	4	Cllr Sean Prendergast Cllr David Chalmers Cllr Claire Winchester Cllr Tina Bhartwas
Royston and District Community Forum  (8 members)	Conservative	1	Cllr Martin Prescott
	Labour & Co-Operative	2	Cllr Sarah Lucas Cllr Cathy Brownjohn
	Liberal Democrat	5	Cllr Ruth Brown Cllr Matt Barnes Cllr Ruth Clifton Cllr Tim Johnson Cllr Bryony May
Southern Rural Community Forum  (12 members)	Conservative	5	Cllr Ralph Muncer Cllr Claire Strong Cllr David Barnard Cllr Joe Graziano Cllr Steven Patmore
	Labour & Co-Operative	2	Cllr Vijaiya Poopalasingham Cllr Laura Williams
	Liberal Democrat	5	Cllr Dominic Griffiths Cllr Louise Peace Cllr Caroline McDonnell Cllr Lisa Nash Cllr Paul Ward