

BLYTH TOWN COUNCIL

Full Council

Tuesday 11 November 2025

Decision Report

Committee Membership

Recommendation

Council notes the potential change to Committee membership numbers, following the pending result of the Bebside and Kitty Brewster by election, and any resulting action to take place.

Ward

All

Risk Management

To ensure a balanced representation of Councillors on committees. There are no financial impacts to this report.

Objective

To promote good governance and ensure an effective and well-functioning democracy at all levels.

Report

The current methodology of determining the numbers, by Political group etc, on each of the Committees and Sub Committees, is based upon their total number of representatives over the 16 members of the Council, e.g. if a Political group had 12 representatives, then they would have 75% of the places available on the main committees. This does not mean necessarily having 75% on each committee, they may choose to have more membership on one committee than the others. Current practice is, as best as can be done, to have equal representation on each committee.

At the beginning of this current Council, for the main 3 committees, 13 members on each, there were 39 seats to fill. The split within the Council, at the time of the 2025 election, was 9 Reform UK, 4 Conservatives and 3 Labour. This resulted in 22, 10 and 7, places respectively, on the main committees. See Appendix 1 below for details of all Main and Sub Committees for reference following the May election.

AGENDA ITEM 4.3

As a by election has been called in the Bebside and Kitty Brewster ward, due to the resignation of one of the two Councillors, this may result in a different split for the main committee seats available, as shown below:

Possible Result	Reform UK	Conservative	Labour	Other	Total
Current position	22 (9 Councillors)	10 (4 Councillors)	7 (3 Councillors)		39
Reform win	25 (10 Councillors)	7 (3 Councillors)	7 (3 Councillors)		39
Conservative win	22 (9 Councillors)	10 (4 Councillors)	7 (3 Councillors)		39
Labour win	22 (9 Councillors)	7 (3 Councillors)	10 (4 Councillors)		39
Other win	22 (9 Councillors)	7 (3 Councillors)	7 (3 Councillors)	3 (1 Councillor)	39

Some of the above figures have been rounded.

Similar calculations to the above are also carried out for the Sub Committees.

In the event of any changes required, the Town Clerk will liaise accordingly with each Party or Other individual to obtain any such revisions to Committee or Sub Committee as required.

Malcolm Wilkinson
Town Clerk
4 November 2025

BLYTH TOWN COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP 2025-26

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE (13)	
M Peart (Chair)	D Johnson
D Nicholson (Vice Chair)	C Jones
R A Baker	K Nisbet MBE
D Campbell	VACANT
D Carr	N Rolls
B W Elliott	D Swinhoe
B Erskine	
ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE (13)	
D Johnson (Chair)	B Erskine
J Woods (Vice Chair)	C Jones
R A Baker	D Nicholson
D Campbell	K Nisbet MBE
D Carr	N Rolls
A Cartie	D Swinhoe
B W Elliott	
GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE (13)	
B W Elliott (Chair)	C Jones
M Peart (Vice Chair)	D Nicholson
R A Baker	K Nisbet MBE
D Campbell	VACANT
D Carr	N Rolls
T E Elliott	D Swinhoe
D Johnson	

BLYTH TOWN COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP 2025-26

COMMUNITY FUNDING SUB COMMITTEE (10)	
D Swinhoe (Chair)	D Johnson
N Rolls (Vice Chair)	C Jones
D Campbell	D Nicholson
D Carr	K Nisbet MBE
B W Elliott	M Peart
COMPLAINTS & GRIEVANCE SUB COMMITTEE (10)	
R A Baker (Chair)	B W Elliott
T E Elliott (Vice Chair)	M Peart
D Campbell	VACANT
D Carr	N Rolls
A Cartie	D Swinhoe
P&D SUB COMMITTEE (10)	
D Swinhoe (Chair)	D Johnson
T E Elliott (Vice Chair)	C Jones
R A Baker	D Nicholson
A Cartie	M Peart
B Erskine	N Rolls
STAFF SUB COMMITTEE (10)	
N Rolls (Chair)	B Erskine
J Woods (Vice-Chair)	C Jones
D Carr	K Nisbet MBE
A Cartie	M Peart
B W Elliott	VACANT