



# Ordinance 9

## The Council: Independent Members

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### **THE COUNCIL: INDEPENDENT MEMBERS**

#### **1. Independent Members**

1. Up to nine members, not being members of the staff or students, shall be appointed to the Council in accordance with this Ordinance, for a term of office of four years. The positions of Chair of Council and the Deputy Chair of Council shall be considered in accordance with the separate provisions of the relevant Ordinance, and do not contribute to the total number of appointments permissible under this Ordinance.
2. The Clerk to the Council shall ensure that vacancies are advertised externally. Additionally, the Clerk shall notify members of the Council of vacancies and invite nominations giving such notice of vacancies and of the closing date for nominations as is reasonable in order to enable their consideration by the Nominations Committee.
3. The Nominations Committee will usually make its recommendations to appoint members to the Council by the last meeting before the vacancies occur.
4. If an independent member vacates their place then the casual vacancy shall be filled as soon as possible as described in 1.2 and 1.3.

#### **2. Eligibility for reappointment**

1. An independent member may be considered for reappointment for a further period of up to four years, subject to a condition that they shall not serve more than eight consecutive years in that category. Any reappointment by Council will be based on an appropriate recommendation from the Nominations Committee, drawing on the outcomes of annual appraisals of the member during their initial term of office.
2. When a person has served the maximum permitted period as an independent member they shall be ineligible for further appointment in the same category of membership until a period of three years has elapsed.
3. An independent member who is removed from office under Statute 12(2) (a) (iv) shall be eligible for re- appointment after a period of two years.