

# Norfolk County Council

Date: **Monday 21 September 2020**

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## Supplementary Agenda

### **12 Proportional Allocation of Seats on Committees**

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Report by the Executive Director of Strategy & Governance.

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## PROPORTIONAL ALLOCATION OF SEATS ON COMMITTEES

Report by the Executive Director of Strategy & Governance

### 1. Introduction

- 1.1 Following the resignation of Councillor Ed Maxfield from the Liberal Democrat Group and his move to the Independent Group, the political balance on the Council has changed and it is necessary to review the overall allocations of committee places to political groups.

### 2. Allocations

- 2.1 There are 99 main committee places. The overall composition of the County Council is now 53 Conservative, 16 Labour, 10 Liberal Democrat, 3 Independent group, (there is in addition 1 non-aligned Member and 1 vacancy). Based on the above Council composition, the allocation of the 99 places to political groups should be as follows:-

Conservative	64
Labour	19
Liberal Democrats	12
Independent Group	4
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>99</b>

- 2.2 The table below sets out the current allocation of places to each committee.

<b>Committee and number of places</b>	<b>Con</b>	<b>Lab</b>	<b>Lib Dem</b>	<b>Indep</b>
Planning (Regulatory) (13)	8	3	1	1
People & Communities SC (13)	8	3	2	0
Infrastructure & Development SC (13)	8	2	2	1
Corporate SC (13)	9	2	1	1
Scrutiny Committee (13)	8	3	2	0
Health Overview & Scrutiny (8)	5	2	1	0
Audit Committee (7)	5	1	1	0
Standards Committee (7)	5	1	1	0
Pensions Committee (5)	3	1	1	0
Employment Committee (7)	5	1	1	0
<b>Currently Allocated (99)</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Overall number of places that each group should have based on the new political balance</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>4</b>

- 2.3 With reference to the current allocation of places, the Liberal Democrat Group has 1 place more than its revised entitlement (13 instead of 12) and the Independent Group has 1 place less than its entitlement (3 instead of 4). Consequently, 1 of the Liberal Democrat Group's current places on either People and Communities Select Committee or Scrutiny Committee needs to be given to the Independent Group. It has been agreed that the Liberal Democrats will vacate a seat on the People and Communities Select Committee and that the Independents will take a seat on this Committee.

### **3 Recommendation**

Council is asked to approve the allocation of committee places and note that there will be 1 extra place to the Independent Group and 1 less place to the Liberal Democrat Group on the People and Communities Select Committee.

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