

PROPORTIONAL ALLOCATION OF SEATS ON COMMITTEES

Report by the Executive Director of Strategy & Governance

1. Introduction

- 1.1 Following the resignation of Councillor John Timewell from the Liberal Democrat Group and his move to the Conservative 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 54 Conservative, 16 Labour, 9 Liberal Democrat, 3 Independent group, 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	65
Labour	19
Liberal Democrats	11
Independent Group	04
TOTAL	99

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

Committee and number of places	Con	Lab	Lib Dem	Indep
Planning (Regulatory) (13)	8	3	1	1
People & Communities SC (13)	8	3	1	1
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
Currently Allocated (99)	64	19	12	4
Overall number of places that each group should have based on the new political balance	65	19	11	4

- 2.3 Under the current allocation of places, the Liberal Democrat Group has 1 place more than its revised entitlement (12 instead of 11) and the Conservative Group has 1 place less than its entitlement (64 instead of 65). Consequently, 1 of the Liberal Democrat Group's current places should be given to the Conservative Group.

3 Recommendation

Council is asked to approve the allocation of committee places and note that there will be 1 extra place to the Conservative Group and 1 less place to the Liberal Democrat Group.