

Agenda item:

Title of meeting: City Council

Date of meeting: 11 October 2016

Subject: Review of Political Proportionality on Committees and Panels

Report by: Chief Executive

Wards affected: N/A

Key decision: No

1. Purpose of report

With the recent change in Group Strengths on the Council with Councillor Ferrett becoming an Independent non-aligned Member, there is a consequent need under the Local Government and Housing Act 1989, to review the allocation of committee seats to the political groups and the non-aligned member. This review affects only the Labour Group and Councillor Ferrett

2. Recommendations

2.1 That Council

- (a) determine the allocation of seats on committees and Panels based on the information set out below and having regard to any agreement that may be achieved between those affected prior to the meeting, and
- (b) ratify consequent named membership changes proposed at the meeting.

3. Background Information and implications

As a result of these changes, the Group Strengths and consequent seats on committees are as shown below (the figures in brackets indicate the position prior to the change)

Group	Councillors	Total Seats 76
Conservative	19	34
Liberal Democrat	15	27
UKIP	4	7
Labour	2(3)	4 (6)
Independent (PG)	1	2
Independent (JF)	1 (0)	2 (0)

Impact on Committee/Panel Places

As shown above, the Labour Group's overall allocation decreases by two and Councillor Ferrett as an independent non-aligned member receives 2 seats from the Labour Group.

Councillor Ferrett is currently a Member of the Employment Committee and the Governance and Audit and Standards Committee.

The remaining members of the Labour Group currently sit on the following -

Councillor Morgan - Licensing Committee and Scrutiny Management Panel

Councillor Chowdhury - Economic Development Culture and Leisure Scrutiny Panel and the Planning Committee

Subject to any prior agreement between the Labour Group and Councillor Ferrett, Council is asked to determine how it wishes the above 6 seats to be allocated.

Consequently the total number of seats be divided as follows * (subject to inserting the updated changes once approved .

Members	Party	Licensing Committee	Planning Committee	*Scrutiny & Regulatory (2)	SMP	Total seats	
		15	10	42	9	76	
19	Con	7	4	19	4	34	
15	LD	5	4	15	3	27	
4	UKIP	1	1	4	1	7	
2	Lab	*0/1	*0/1	*1/2	*0/1	4	-2
1	Ind PG	1	-	1	-	2	
1	Ind JF	*0/1	*0/1	*1/2	*0/1	2	+2

15 members	Licensing Committee
10 members	Planning Committee
*7 x 6 member Committee/panels	Employment Committee / Governance & Audit & Standards Committee / Health Overview Scrutiny Panel / EYCP Scrutiny / EDCL Scrutiny / TECS Scrutiny / HSC Scrutiny.
9 members	Scrutiny Management Panel

4. **Legal Implications** - legal comments are embodied in the report

5. **Finance Comments** - none in relation to this report

.....
Signed by:

Appendices:

Background list of documents: Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972

The following documents disclose facts or matters, which have been relied upon to a material extent by the author in preparing this report:

Title of document	Location

The recommendation(s) set out above were approved/ approved as amended/ deferred/ rejected by on

.....
Signed by: