

Title of meeting: City Council

Date of meeting: 16 July 2019

Subject: Review of Political Proportionality on Committees and Panels

Report by: Chief Executive

Wards affected: N/A

Key decision: No

1. Purpose of report

As previously notified, following notification from Councillor Smith that she has become a non-aligned Independent Member, there is consequently a need under the Local Government and Housing Act 1989, to review the allocation of seats upon Committees and Panels.

2. Recommendations

2.1 That Council

- (a) Determine the allocation of seats on committees and panels based on the information set out overleaf in the proportionality chart, having regard to any agreement between the affected Groups and Independent Members**
- (b) Ratify consequent named membership changes proposed at the meeting.**

3. Background Information and implications

As a result of a change in Group strengths, consequent seats on committees are as shown in Table 1 overleaf with the options highlighted (the figures in brackets indicate the position prior to the change)

The new table taking account in the changes in Group strengths on the Council is as follows:

Table 1. Proportionality chart (Revised July 2019)

| Group / Cllr | # of cllrs / group | Total # of seats | Licensing Committee Group 3 | Planning Committee Group 4 | Regulatory & scrutiny Group 5 | Scrutiny Management Panel Group 6 |
|----------------------------|--------------------|------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Liberal Democrat | 17 | 30 (was 32) | 6 | 4 | 16 (was 18) | 4 |
| Conservative | 16 | 29 | 6 | 4 | 15 | 4 |
| Labour | 6 | 11 | 2 | 1 | 7 | 1 |
| John Ferrett Independent | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Claire Udy Independent | 1 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Jeanette Smith Independent | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 (was 0) | 0 |
| | 42 | 76 | 15 | 10 | 42 | 9 |

It is recommended that the Council appoint as per the above proportionality chart -:

The Liberal Democrats Group

Lose 2 seats on the bodies within the Regulatory and Scrutiny Group. One seat from two of the four bodies listed below (those the Liberal Democrats currently hold 3 seats on).

Economic Development, Culture and Leisure Scrutiny Panel

Education, Children & Young People Scrutiny Panel

Health Overview & Scrutiny Panel

*Employment Committee

*Separate note: As Councillor Smith is no longer a Standing Deputy for the Liberal Democrats on the Employment Committee, the Liberal Democrats will in any event have a vacancy for a Standing Deputy on this body.

The Conservative Group

No change

The Labour Group

No change

The other two Non-Aligned Independent Members (Cllrs Ferrett & Udy)

No change

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

5. Finance Comments - none in relation to this report

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Signed by:

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:

None.

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

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Signed by:

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