

ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING

21 MAY 2019

POLITICAL COMPOSITION OF THE COUNCIL AND ALLOCATION OF SEATS ON COMMITTEES TO POLITICAL GROUPS

1.0 Purpose of Report

1.1 Following the District Council Elections held on 2 May 2019, to inform the Council of the political composition of the Council and to consider proposals for the allocation of seats on Committees to Political Groups, as required by Council Procedure Rule No. 17.6.

2.0 Background Information

2.1 Section 15 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 requires the Council to consider the political composition of the Council. The Act, together with Local Government (Committees and Political Groups) Regulations 1990, require local authorities to allocate seats on Committees of a local authority on a proportional basis, in accordance with the number of seats on the Council held by each political group.

3.0 Present Position

3.1 Following the elections, the seats held by each Group on the Council are as follows:-

	<u>No. of Seats</u>
Conservative	27
Labour	7
Independent	3
Liberal Democrats	2

3.2 Under the committee style of governance all Committees are required to reflect the political balance. Based on the existing committee structure there are a total of 102 seats on Committees which must comply with political balance rules.

3.3 The Constitution provides that the following Committees be appointed:-

<u>Committee</u>	<u>No. of Members</u>
Policy & Finance	7
Homes & Communities	12
Leisure & Environment	12
Economic Development	12
Planning	15
Licensing	15
General Purposes	15
Audit & Accounts	6
Shareholder	5
Mansfield & District Crematorium Joint Committee	3

Based on the existing Committee structure the following calculation can be made:-

a) No of seats on Council = 39

% of total seats held by each Group (rounded) =

	%
Conservative	69.23
Labour	17.95
Independent	7.69
Liberal Democrats	5.13
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b) The 102 seats on Committees are as follows:

▪ Policy and Finance	= 7
▪ Homes and Communities	= 12
▪ Leisure and Environment	= 12
▪ Economic Development	= 12
▪ Planning	= 15
▪ Licensing	= 15
▪ General Purposes	= 15
▪ Audit & Accounts	= 6
▪ Shareholder	= 5
▪ Mansfield and District Joint Crematorium	= 3

The allocation of seats to each Group on these Committees would be:-

			<u>Rounded</u>
Conservative	102 x 69.23%	70.61	71
Labour	102 x 17.95%	18.31	18
Independent	102 x 7.69%	7.84	8
Liberal Democrats	102 x 5.13%	5.23	5
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c) The number of seats allocated on Committees to each Political Group is as follows:

Conservative	71
Labour	18
Independent	8
Liberal Democrats	5

3.3 The proposed allocation of seats on Committees to each political group is set out in the matrix which is attached as **Appendix A** to the report.

3.4 Schedules of appointments to Committees have been forwarded to Group Leaders, based on the calculations made.

4.0 RECOMMENDATION

That the Council agree the allocation of seats to Political Groups in accordance with Appendix A to the report.

Background Papers

Nil.

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