

ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING – 15 MAY 2018

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

1.0 Purpose of Report

- 1.1 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 The allocation of seats to committees was last considered at the Annual Council Meeting held on 16 May 2017. Under the committee style of governance all committees are now required to reflect political balance.
- 2.2 Section 15 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 requires the Council to consider the political composition of the Council at each Annual Meeting in respect of the new Municipal Year. The Act, together with Local Government (Committees and Political Groups) Regulations 1990, require local authorities to allocate seats on non-executive Committees of a local authority on a proportional basis, in accordance with the number of seats on the Council held by each political group.
- 2.3 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

- 2.4 The political composition remains unchanged, and is as follows: -

	<u>No. of Seats</u>
Conservative	24
Labour	12
Independent	3

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

a) No of seats on Council = 39

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

	%
Conservative	61.54
Labour	30.77
Independent	7.69
	100%

- b) Based on the existing Committee structure there are now a total of 102 seats on Committees, following the addition of the Shareholder Committee, which must comply with political balance rules.

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

			<u>Rounded</u>
Conservative	102 x 61.54%	62.77	63
Labour	102 x 30.77%	31.38	31
Independent	102 x 7.69%	7.84	8
			102

- c) The number of seats allocated on Committees to each Political Group is therefore as follows:

Conservative	63
Labour	31
Independent	8

2.7 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.

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

3.0 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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