

# Item 8

REPORT TO ANNUAL COUNCIL

19th MAY 2006

REPORT OF CHIEF EXECUTIVE

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND HOUSING ACT 1989**  
**THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (COMMITTEES AND POLITICAL GROUPS)**  
**REGULATIONS 1990**

## Summary

The purpose of this report is to consider the allocation of seats on Committees to Political Groups in accordance with the Local Government (Committees and Political Groups) Regulations 1990.

## Recommended:

That the allocation of seats to political groups be in accordance with the attached Schedule (Appendix A)

## Background

1. In order to comply with the Local Government (Committees and Political Groups) Regulations 1990 a review of the allocation of seats on Committees to political groups should be undertaken:-
  - (a) At the Annual Meeting of the Council
  - (b) Upon receipt of a request from a political group, given that one month has expired since the previous review.
  - (c) Upon the election of a Member following a by-election.
  - (d) At any other such time as the Secretary of State may specify.
2. Under the political management arrangements embodied in the Constitution and in order to comply with the Regulations, political balance must be applied to the following bodies of the Council:-

Overview & Scrutiny Committees 1, 2 and 3  
Audit Committee  
Development Control Committee,  
Licensing Committee 1 and 2  
Standards Committee  
Appeals/Review Panel  
Chief Officers Appointments Panel

Employment Issues Panel  
Personnel Appeals Panel.

The Cabinet and the Area Forums are excluded from the scope of the political balance regulations.

3. The allocation of seats on Committees and Panels in accordance with political balance is set out in Appendix A

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**Ward(s)** Not ward specific

#### **Background Papers**

1. Local Government Act 1989.
2. The Local Government (Committees and Political Groups) Regulations 1990.
3. The Local Government (Committees and Political Groups) Amendment Regulations 1991

#### **Examination by Statutory Officers**

	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Not Applicable</b>
1. The report has been examined by the Councils Head of the Paid Service or his representative	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. The content has been examined by the Councils S.151 Officer or his representative	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. The content has been examined by the Council's Monitoring Officer or his representative	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
4. The report has been approved by Management Team	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

**ALLOCATION OF SEATS ON COMMITTEES/PANELS****Overview & Scrutiny Committee 1**

Labour	7
Liberal Democrat	2
2003 Alliance	2
Independent	<u>1</u>
	12

**Overview & Scrutiny Committee 2**

Labour	7
Liberal Democrat	2
2003 Alliance	2
Independent	<u>1</u>
	12

**Overview & Scrutiny Committee 3**

Labour	7
Liberal Democrat	2
2003 Alliance	1
Independent	<u>1</u>
	11

**Audit Committee**

Labour	4
Liberal Democrat	1
2003 Alliance	1
Independent	-
Co-opted Member	<u>1</u>
	7

**Development Control Committee**

Labour	34
Liberal Democrat	7
2003 Alliance	6
Independent	<u>3</u>
	50

**Licensing Committee 1**

Labour	13
Liberal Democrat	3
2003 Alliance	2
Independent	<u>1</u>
	19

**Licensing Committee 2**

Labour	10
Liberal Democrat	2
2003 Alliance	2
Independent	<u>1</u>
	15

**Standards Committee**

Labour	3
Liberal Democrat	1
2003 Alliance	1
Independent	-
Co-opted Members	2
Parish	<u>1</u>
	8

**Appeals/Review Panel**

Labour	13
Liberal Democrat	3
2003 Alliance	2
Independent	<u>1</u>
	19

**Chief Officers Appointments Panel**

Labour	5
Liberal Democrat	1
2003 Alliance	-
Independent	<u>1</u>
	7

**Employment Issues**

Labour	5
Liberal Democrat	1
2003 Alliance	1
Independent	<u>-</u>
	7

**Personnel Appeals Panel**

Labour	8
Liberal Democrat	2
2003 Alliance	1
Independent	<u>1</u>
	12