

Item 9

REPORT TO ANNUAL COUNCIL

18th 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. The regulations also require that the membership of political groups following the Local Elections held on 3rd May 2007 be reported to Members.

Recommended:

1. That the allocation of seats to political groups be in accordance with the attached Schedule (Appendix A)
2. That the membership of political groups be noted. (Appendix B)

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
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
4. Completed returns indicating Members' intentions in respect of registering political groups within the authority have been received and the position is detailed in Appendix B.

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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

	Yes	Not Applicable
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 type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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**Strategic Leadership****Overview & Scrutiny Committee**

Labour	5
Alliance 2003	4
Liberal Democrat	1
Independent	<u>1</u>
	11

**Healthy Borough with Strong
Communities****Overview & Scrutiny Committee**

Labour	5
Alliance 2003	4
Liberal Democrat	2
Independent	<u>1</u>
	12

Plus 2 Co-opted Members (non-voting)

Prosperous and Attractive**Overview & Scrutiny Committee**

Labour	5
Alliance 2003	4
Liberal Democrat	2
Independent	<u>1</u>
	12

Plus 2 Co-opted Members (non-voting)

Audit Committee

Labour	4
Alliance 2003	1
Liberal Democrat	1
Independent	0
Co-opted Member	<u>1</u>
	7

Development Control Committee

Labour	28
Alliance 2003	13
Liberal Democrat	6
Independent	<u>3</u>
	50

Licensing Committee 1

Labour	11
Alliance 2003	5
Liberal Democrat	2
Independent	<u>1</u>
	19

Licensing Committee 2

Labour	8
Alliance 2003	4
Liberal Democrat	2
Independent	<u>1</u>
	15

Standards Committee

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

Appeals/Review Panel

Labour	11
Alliance 2003	5
Liberal Democrat	2
Independent	<u>1</u>
	19

Chief Officers Appointments Panel

Labour	4
Alliance 2003	1
Liberal Democrat	1
Independent	<u>1</u>
	7

Employment Issues

Labour	4
Alliance 2003	1
Liberal Democrat	1
Independent	<u>1</u>
	7

Personnel Appeals Panel

Labour	7
Alliance 2003	3
Liberal Democrat	1
Independent	<u>1</u>
	12

The Labour Group

Mrs. A. M. Armstrong
B.F. Avery, J.P.
Mrs. D. Bowman
J. Burton
V. Chapman
D. Chaytor
Mrs K. Conroy
Mrs. P. Crathorne
V. Crosby
T.F. Forrest
Mrs. B. Graham
A. Gray
G.C. Gray
Mrs. J. Gray

J.E. Higgin
A. Hodgson
Mrs. L. Hovvels
Mrs. S. J. Iveson
J.M. Khan
B. Lamb
C. Nelson
D.A. Newell
Mrs. C. Potts
J. Robinson J.P.
A. Smith
B. Stephens
T. Ward
W. Waters

Alliance 2003

Councillor W.M. Blenkinsopp
Councillor T.D. Brimm
Councillor D. Farry
Councillor T. Hogan
Councillor S. Haigh
Councillor B. Haigh
Councillor H. Hutchinson

Councillor. I. Hewitson
Councillor P. Gittins
Councillor L. Cuthbertson
Councillor D. Brown
Councillor A. Warburton
Councillor E.M. Paylor

Liberal Democrats

Councillor G.M.R. Howe
Councillor J.G. Huntington
Councillor E. Maddison

Councillor B.M. Ord
Councillor K. Thompson
Councillor E.M. Wood

Not Affiliated to a Political Party

Councillor D.M. Hancock
Councillor I. Jackson
Councillor J.Wayman JP

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