

# Item 8

REPORT TO ANNUAL COUNCIL

16th MAY 2008

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  
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

	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
Vacancy	<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

**Audit Committee**

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

**Development Control Committee**

Labour	28
Alliance 2003	13
Liberal Democrat	6
Independent	2
Vacancy	<u>1</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	2
Alliance 2003	1
Liberal Democrat	1
Vacancy	1
Co-opted Members	3
Parish	<u>2</u>
	10

**Appeals/Review Panel**

Labour	11
Alliance 2003	5
Liberal Democrat	2
Vacancy	<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
Vacancy	<u>1</u>
	12