

REPORT TO COUNCIL

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Financial Implications NO	Policy/Personnel Implications NO	Statutory Implications YES	Equality Impact Assessment req'd NO	Risk Management Implications NO

Date of Meeting : 6 April 2016

REVIEW OF PROPORTIONALITY

It is the duty of the Council to review annually the entitlement of political groups to seats on committees in line with the proportionality rules set out in the Local Government and Housing Act 1989. The rules allow adjustments to be made to make whole numbers of seats and, once the Council has determined how adjustments should be made, appointments are made to committees on that basis. Council is now required to review its proportionality following the withdrawal from the Labour Group by Councillor Joyce.

RECOMMENDED: That proportionality be amended by the change of 1 seat reverting from the Labour Group to the Conservative Group from the Appointments Board and the appropriate membership sought.

1 Background

The rules around proportionality are as set out below:

- (1) No political group can have all the places on a committee (the exception is the Cabinet).
- (2) A group having an overall majority on the Council is entitled to a majority of seats on each committee.
- (3) The aggregate number of seats across all committees is allocated in accordance with each group's entitlement.
- (4) The number of seats on each committee is allocated in accordance with each group's entitlement.

2 Proportionality Change

Following the resignation from the Labour Group by Councillor Joyce the proportionality needs to be reviewed.

No amendment will be made for the vacancy following the death of Councillor Gourlay until after the by election when called.

3 Amended level of Seats Allocated

To take into account the amended proportionality, Council is invited to approve the change which means the loss of 1 seat from the Labour Group which will be allocated to the Conservative Group from the Appointments Board.