

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: 31st July 2025

REVIEW OF PROPORTIONALITY

It is the duty of the Council to review the entitlement of political groups to seats on committees in line with the proportionality rules set out in the Rule C of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989. When changes are made to Group Memberships a further review can be undertaken on request in accordance with the section 17(b) of the Local Government (Committees and Political Groups) Regulations 1990.

As a result of Councillor Nash leaving the Independent Partnership, proportionality is updated as per the attached table for Council to consider.

RECOMMENDED: That the proportional allocation of seats be amended in accordance with the table set out within the report.

1 Background

1.1 The rules relating to proportionality as per Section C of the Local Government Housing Act 1989 are set out below:

- a) No political group can have all the places on a Committee (the exception is the Cabinet).
- b) The Group that has the overall majority on the Council is entitled to the majority of seats on each Committee.
- c) The aggregate number of seats across all Committees is allocated in accordance with each group's entitled.
- d) The number of seats on each Committee is allocated in accordance with each group's entitlement.

2 Changes to Proportionality

2.1 Following Councillor Nash leaving the Independent Partnership, it has been requested that proportionality be reviewed.

2.2 Current Political make up of the Council is as follows:

21 – Independent Partnership
19 – Conservative
7 – Labour
4 – Reform UK
2 – Progressive Group
2 – Non- aligned

2.3 Council is invited to approve the amended proportionality as set out in Appendix 1.

This will result in the following changes to Council Body Membership

Audit Committee

Independent Partnership lose one seat and Conservatives gain one seat

Licensing and Appeals Board

Labour loses one seat and Conservatives gain one seat

Environment and Community Panel

Reform UK loses one seat and Progressive Group gain one seat

APPENDIX 1:

POLITICAL PROPORTIONALITY TO BE AGREED BY FULL COUNCIL - **31ST JULY 2025**

	Total Membership	Conservative	Independent Partnership	Labour	Progressive	Reform	Check Total
Total No. of Members	53 plus 2 non-aligned	19	21	7	2	4	55
Appointments Board	9	3	4	1	0	1	9
Planning Committee	15	5	6	2	1	1	15
Licensing Committee	13	5	5	1	1	1	13
Licensing & Appeals Board	13	5	5	1	1	1	13
Standards Committee	7	2	3	1	0	1	7
Corporate Performance Panel	12	4	5	2	0	1	12
Environment & Community Panel	12	4	5	2	1	0	12
Regeneration & Development Panel	12	4	5	2	0	1	12
Audit Committee	9	4	3	1	0	1	9
Total Seats	102	36	41	13	4	8	102