

## 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 : 30 June 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 election in the Valley Hill Ward after the passing of Councillor Mike Tilbury.

**RECOMMENDED: That proportionality be amended by the change of 1 seat on the Licensing & Appeals Board moving from Independent to Conservative 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 results of the Valley Hill By Election on 16 June 2016, the Conservative Group have gained a seat making their total membership 51.

The overall numbers per Groups are now 51 Conservatives, 9 Labour and 2 Independent.

### **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 Independent Group from the Licensing & Appeals Board which will be allocated to the Conservative Group.