

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 : 21 February 2019

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.

RECOMMENDED: That proportionality be amended by the change of seats as follows:

Conservatives lose 6 seats on: Standards, Licensing and Appeals Board, Regeneration & Development Panel (2), Appointments Board and Audit Committee

Labour gain seats on: Licensing and Appeals Board and Regeneration and Development Panel

Independent gain seats on: Standards, Regeneration and Development Panel, Appointments Board and Audit Committee

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 changes in Group membership across the Council it has required the proportionality to be reviewed.

The changes are: the return to the Labour Group of Councillor Joyce and the joining of the Independent Group of Councillors Howland and Squire who were previously unaffiliated to a Group.

3 Amended level of Seats Allocated

To take into account the amended proportionality, Council is invited to approve the change as set out in the attached table.