

**Allocation of Seats to Political Groups
17 December 2014**

Report of Chief Executive

PURPOSE OF REPORT

To advise Council of the calculations relating to the allocation of seats in accordance with the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 and the Council's agreed protocol, following the death of a Councillor.

This report is public

RECOMMENDATIONS

- (1) That in accordance with Section 15 of the Local Government and Housing Act, 1989 and Part 4 of the Local Government (Committees and Political Groups) Regulations, 1990, the City Council approves the calculations and allocation of seats set out in paragraph 2 of the report.**
- (2) That the adjustment required to the membership of the Licensing Act Committee detailed in paragraph 2.5 of the report, be approved.**

1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 As Members are aware, Councillor Val Histed sadly passed away on 22 November 2014. This causes a change to the number of Councillors and requires a report on the recalculation of the proportional representation arrangements to the first available Council meeting in accordance with the Local Government and Housing Act 1989.
- 1.2 The revised calculations in relation to numbers from 1 to 20 are attached at Appendix A for information. Details of the effect of these calculations in respect of the current decision-making structure and agreed groupings of committees are set out in paragraph 2 below.
- 1.3 Members are requested to approve the calculation in order to enable an adjustment to be made to appointments to committees to reflect the revised make-up of the Council.

2.0 Calculations

2.1 Composition of the Council

Labour	21
Conservatives	15
Independents	10
Green	10
Free Independents	2
Non-aligned Independent Member	1
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2.2 Overview & Scrutiny

2.3 The PR Calculation for a single 9 Member Committee is 3:2:2:2 and the grouping of Overview & Scrutiny Committee and Budget & Performance Panel is as follows:-

$9 + 9 = 18$ (-:- 59) = 0.3050 seats per Member.

L	21	x 0.3050	=	6.4050	=	6
C	15	x 0.3050	=	4.5750	=	5
I	10	x 0.3050	=	3.0500	=	3
G	10	x 0.3050	=	3.0500	=	3
FI	2	x 0.3050	=	0.6100	=	1
Councillor Harrison	1	x 0.3050	=	0.3050	=	0

This calculation remains the same and no changes are required.

2.4 Regulatory and Standing Committees of Council Grouping

2.5 The PR calculation for 15 Member Committees (Planning and Highways Regulatory and Licensing Act) is unchanged at 5:4:2:2:1:0 with a tie for the final place between the Green Group and the Independent Group. The 9 Member Licensing Regulatory Committee is unchanged at 3:2:2:2:0:0 and the 7 Member Committee calculation (for Personnel and Audit) is unchanged at 2:2:1:1:0:0 with a tie for the final place between the Green Group and the Independent Group. The total seats to be allocated for the grouping comprising Planning and Highways Regulatory, Licensing Act, Licensing Regulatory, Personnel and Audit Committees is now as follows:-

$15 + 15 + 9 + 7 + 7 = 53$ (-:- 59) = 0.8983 seats per Member.

L	21	x 0.8983	=	18.8643	=	19
C	15	x 0.8983	=	13.4745	=	13
I	10	x 0.8983	=	8.8983	=	9
G	10	x 0.8983	=	8.8983	=	9
FI	2	x 0.8983	=	1.7966	=	2
Councillor Harrison	1	x 0.8983	=	0.8983	=	<u>1</u>
						53

This is a change from 18:13:9:9:2:1:1 to 19:13:9:9:2:1 which means that the Labour Group receive the place on the Licensing Act Committee formerly held by Councillor Histed.

2.6 Other Standing Committees

2.7 Remaining Standing Committees currently constituted with a PR of 7 are the Appeals, Council Business and Standards Committees. The PR calculation for these is 2:2:1:1:0:0 with a tie for the final place between the Green Group and the Independent Group. No adjustments to membership are required, the tied places were decided at the Council meeting on 16 July 2014 by the drawing of lots, the Green group taking the final places on all three Committees.

2.8 Appraisal Panel

2.9 The Appraisal Panel is a member panel of seven members appointed on a PR basis, although not a formal Committee of Council. The PR calculation for the Panel is 2:2:1:1:0:0 with a tie for the final place between the Green Group and the Independent Group. No adjustments to membership are required, the tied place was decided in favour of the Independent group at the Council meeting on 16 July 2014, by the drawing of lots.

3.0 Conclusion

3.1 Members are requested to approve the calculations and the adjustment required as set out in paragraph 2.5 of this report, in order to enable the required change to appointments to be made at this meeting.

CONCLUSION OF IMPACT ASSESSMENT

(including Diversity, Human Rights, Community Safety, Sustainability and Rural Proofing)

There are no direct implications as a result of this report.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications as a direct result of this report.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

This report has been prepared in accordance with the provisions of Section 15 of the Local Government and Housing Act, 1989 and Part 4 of the Local Government (Committees and Political Groups) Regulations 1990.

SECTION 151 OFFICER'S COMMENTS

The Section 151 Officer has been consulted and has no further comments.

MONITORING OFFICER'S COMMENTS

The Monitoring Officer has been consulted and has no further comments.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

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P.R. LIST

		Lab	Cons	Inde Group	Green	Free Inde	Non- aligned Inde
1	=	1					
2	=	1	1				
3	=	1	1	*	*		
4	=	1	1	1	1		
5	=	2	1	1	1		
6	=	2	2	1	1		
7	=	2	2	1*	1*		
8	=	3	2	1*	1*		
9	=	3	2	2	2		
10	=	4	3	1*	1*		
11	=	4	3	2	2		
12	=	4	3	2*	2*		
13	=	5	3	2	2	1	
14	=	5	4	2	2	1	
15	=	5	4	2*	2*	1	
16	=	6	4	2*	2*	1	
17	=	6	4	3	3	1	
18	=	6	5	3	3	1	
19	=	7	5	3	3	1	
20	=	7	5	3*	3*	1	

*indicates where there is a tie for the final seat between the Independent Group and the Green Group, both groups having 10 Members each.

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As at December 2014