



COUNCIL

21 MAY 2009

Agenda Status: Public

Directorate: Chief Executive

Report Title	Committee Proportionality
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1. Summary

This report seeks Council's approval of the number and group proportionality of seats on each Committee.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 That the Council approves the number of seats on each Committee as outlined in this report.
- 2.2 That the representation of the political groups be as set out in this report.

3. Report Background

3.1 The Local Government and Housing Act 1989 and its associated regulations, requires the Council, at its annual meeting, or as "soon as practicable after the meeting" to review the representation of political groups and determine the allocation of seats (ie proportionality). The rights of the various political groups are specified in relevant regulations.

3.2 The Liberal Democrats, Conservative and Labour Groups have given notice that they wish to be treated as political groups in accordance with the Regulations.

3.3 The effect of these changes means that the Council will have 84 seats overall to which the proportionality rules apply. These need to be allocated as follows: Liberal Democrats Group 45 seats; Conservative Group 27 seats; Labour Group 10 seats. This leaves two seats, which, by agreement, have been allocated, to the Independent member.

3.4 The allocation of seats between the Committees is as follows:

Committee Name	No of Seats on Committee	Liberal Democrats	Conservative	Labour	Independent
Audit Committee	7	4	2	1	
Overview & Scrutiny 1	10	5	3	1	1
Overview & Scrutiny 2	9	5	3	1	
Overview & Scrutiny 3	9	5	3	1	
Scrutiny Management Committee	6	3	2	1	
Planning Committee	11	6	4	1	
Licensing Committee	11	6	4	1	
Appointments and Appeals	7	4	2	1	
General Purposes	9	5	2	1	1
Tree Panel	5	2	2	1	
Overall Seats	84	45	27	10	2

4. Implications (including financial implications)

4.1 Resources and Risk

None specifically arising from this report.

4.2 Legal

The Council has legal obligations under the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 and its associated regulations, to review the representation of political groups and determine the allocation of seats.

4.3 Other Implications

None specifically.

5. Background Papers

Meeting Services departmental file.

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