

**Allocation of Seats to Political Groups
23 May, 2012**

Introduction

In the Council papers at Agenda Item No.9, paragraph 4.4, it was identified that further information would be submitted regarding the allocation of seats on committees to the respective political groups. The results of the recent elections have now been taken into account in determining those seat allocations and they are shown below:

Overall Situation

| Party | Cons | Lab | PIF | Lib Dem | Total |
|--------------------------|-------|-------|-------|---------|-------|
| No Elected | 32 | 11 | 10 | 4 | 57 |
| Proportionality % | 56.14 | 19.30 | 17.54 | 7.02 | 100% |
| Entitlement | 60 | 21 | 19 | 7 | 107 |
| No. of Seats Allocated * | 63 | 19 | 18 | 7 | 107 |

* the seat allocation has to be adjusted to increase the Conservative entitlement to 63 seats, as s15 Local Government & Housing Act 1989 requires "*that the majority of the seats on the body is allocated to a particular political group if the number of persons belonging to that group is a majority of the authority's membership*"; that is, the Conservative members must be in the majority on each committee to which the political balance rules apply. The entitlement of the other parties is adjusted according to their proportional entitlement to the remaining seats.

Proposed Seat Allocation for Politically Balanced Committees

| Committees | Cons | Lab | PIF | Lib Dem | Total |
|---|------|-----|-----|---------|-------|
| Scrutiny Commission for Rural Communities | 4 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 7 |
| Scrutiny Commission for Health Issues | 4 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 7 |
| Strong and Supportive Scrutiny Committee | 4 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 7 |
| Creating Opportunities Scrutiny Committee | 4 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 7 |
| Sustainable Growth & Environment Capital Scrutiny Committee | 4 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 7 |
| Audit Committee | 4 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 7 |
| Employment Committee | 4 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 7 |
| Licensing Committee | 6 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 10 |
| Planning and Environmental Protection Committee | 6 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 10 |
| Planning Review Committee | 6 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 10 |
| Appeals Committee (Service Issues) | 6 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 10 |
| Joint Consultative Panel | 4 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 7 |

APPENDIX E

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|--|-----------|-----------|-----------|----------|------------|
| Selection Panel (Independent Members of Standards Committee) | 5 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 8 |
| Employment Appeals Sub Committee | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| Total | 63 | 19 | 18 | 7 | 107 |

Seat Allocation for Exempted Committees

| Committees | Cons | Lab | PIF | Lib Dem | Total |
|---------------------|-------------|------------|------------|----------------|--------------|
| Standards Committee | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 5 |