

COUNCIL	AGENDA ITEM No. 13(a)
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SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT: REVISED POLITICAL PROPORTIONALITY AND COMMITTEE SEAT ALLOCATION

RECOMMENDATIONS	
FROM: <i>Director of Legal and Governance</i>	Deadline date: <i>N/A</i>
It is recommended that Council:	
1. Agrees the allocation of seats on committees subject to political balance arrangements (Updated Appendix 1).	

1. UPDATED KEY ISSUES

- 1.1 Following the publication of the agenda for the 25 January 2023 Council meeting, Councillor Ansar Ali announced his resignation from the Peterborough City Council Labour Group and his intention to sit as an independent Member. This brings the overall number of Peterborough City Council Members in political groups, and therefore to be included within proportionality calculations, from 59 to 58. The proposed calculation around political proportionality therefore needs to be updated accordingly.

2. UPDATED POLITICAL PROPORTIONALITY

- 2.1 The political balance of the Council can be calculated by using the following formula.

$$\frac{\text{No of Group Members} \times 100}{58}$$

- 2.2

Group	Conservative	Labour	Lib Dems	Peterborough First	Green	Total
Councillors (in Groups)	28	14	8	4	4	58
Proportionality %	48.28%	24.14%	13.79%	6.90%	6.90%	100.01%

2.3 The calculation to determine the strict entitlement of political groups to seats on committees is:

$$\frac{\% \text{ from table 1}}{100} \times \frac{\text{Total No of seats available (109) – see above}}{100}$$

2.4 As set out in the updated Appendix 1 and table 1, both the Peterborough First Group and the Green Group have the same entitlement to one additional committee seat. Consultation has been undertaken with both Group Leaders and informal agreement has been reached that the Peterborough First Group will take up the additional seat, as set out below.

3. CHANGES TO COMMITTEE SEATS

3.1 In addition to those changes previously set out in the original Council report, the following changes to the committee seat allocation are set out in the Updated Appendix 1 as follows:

- Labour Group to give up two seats, one on Corporate Parenting Committee, and one on Licensing Committee.
- Conservative Group to gain one seat on Corporate Parenting Committee.
- Peterborough First Group to gain one seat on Licensing Committee.

4. APPENDICES

4.1 **Updated Appendix 1** - Allocation of seats on committees subject to political balance.