



- 2.4 The Council has been advised that Councillor R Tindall is no longer a member of the Conservative Group and has joined the Independent Group.
- 2.5 Accordingly, it is necessary to review the membership of committees to reflect this change in the relative size of the political groups.
- 2.6 The Leader of the Council has appointed an additional Deputy Portfolio Holder.
- 2.7 In addition, since the last meeting of the Council, a number of changes have been made to the membership of Committees.

### **3. Recommendations**

- 3.1 That the Council confirms the revised allocation of seats to each of the political groups for the 2021/22 municipal year as a consequence of the change in group membership as follows:
- a) That the composition and revised allocation of seats on its committees and other bodies as detailed in the report be approved.
  - b) That the Leader of the Liberal Democrat Group provides notification of which of its members will continue as a member of the Housing Supervisory Board.
  - c) That the Leader of the Independent Group confirms its representation to the Housing Supervisory Board
- 3.2 That the appointment of Councillor Roy Aldcroft as Deputy Portfolio Holder for Communities, Place, Tourism & Transport be noted
- 3.3 That following changes to committee membership be noted:
- a) Northern Planning Committee  
Councillor Steve Davenport appointed as a substitute member of the Northern Planning Committee

**b**      **Southern Planning Committee**

Councillor Robert Tindall to replace Councillor Dave Tremellen as a Member of the Southern Planning Committee

Councillor Dave Tremellen appointed as a substitute member of the Southern Planning Committee

**c**      **Communities Overview Committee**

Councillor Nick Bardsley appointed as a substitute member of the Communities Overview Committee

**d**      **People Overview Committee**

Councillor Roy Aldcroft appointed as a substitute member of the People Overview Committee

**e**      **Place Overview Committee**

Councillor Julia Evans to replace Councillor Mike Isherwood as a substitute member of the Place Overview Committee

**f**      **Audit Committee**

Councillor Roger Evans to replace Councillor David Vasmer as a Member of the Audit Committee

Councillor David Vasmer to replace Councillor Roger Evans as a substitute Member of the Audit Committee

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### **4. Risk Assessment and Opportunities Appraisal**

4.1 The Council is obliged to ensure that the membership of committees and related bodies is proportionate to individual group membership.

### **5. Financial Implications**

5.1 The appointment of an additional Deputy Portfolio Holder will attract an additional allowance, currently £3,000 per annum.

### **6. Climate Change Appraisal**

6.1 The allocation of seats on Committees will have no obvious impact in terms of climate change.

### **7. Background**

7.1 The Council is required to approve the allocation of seats to the political groups for the remainder of the coming year. In accordance

with the Political Balance Rules, the revised maximum number of seats available to each of the groups will be:

<b>Group Name</b>	<b>Seats per Group</b>
Conservatives	66
Liberal Democrats	21 (-1)
Labour	14
Independent	7 (+1)
Green	6
<b>Total</b>	<b>114</b>

7.3 The Leader of the Council has confirmed the appointment of Councillor Ray Aldcroft as a Deputy Portfolio Holder for Communities, Place, Tourism & Transport

7.4 Since the last Council meeting, notification has been received of changes to the membership of Committees.

## **8. Conclusions**

8.1 The effect of the recent change in memberships of the Conservative and the Independent Groups is that the Independent Group is entitled to an additional committee seat.

7.3 The Regulations require that the majority group is entitled to a majority of seats on each of the committees of the Council. It is not possible to achieve this if the additional seat to which the Independent Group is entitled is taken from the number of seats currently allocated to the Conservative group

7.4 As a consequence, it is necessary that another group relinquishes a seat on a Committee. To comply with the regulations, The Liberal Democrat Group will need to have its allocation reduced by one.

7.5 In order to achieve political balance, the most natural place for this appears to be on the Housing Supervisory Board. The Liberal Democrat Group will retain one seat on the Board.

**List of Background Papers (This MUST be completed for all reports, but does not include items containing exempt or confidential information)**

None

**Cabinet Member (Portfolio Holder) – Leader of the Council**

**Local Member - All**

**Appendices**

None