

required to be held following the resignation of Dave Tremellen, who had been a member of 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 In order to accurately reflect the political balance of the authority, it is necessary that an additional seat on the Southern Planning Committee be allocated to the Liberal Democrat Group at the expense of the Independent Group.

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 be appointed as a member of the Southern Planning 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 allocation of seats on Committees will have no obvious financial implications.

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:

Group Name	Seats per Group
Conservatives	66
Liberal Democrats	21 (+1)
Labour	14
Independent	6 (-1)
Green	6
Other	1
Total	114

8. Conclusions

8.1 The effect of the recent change in membership of the Liberal Democrat Group is that the Group is entitled to one additional committee seat at the expense of the Independent Group.

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