

Item 8 – Committee Places (Labour Amendment)

Appendix 1 - POLITICAL BALANCE CALCULATIONS July 2018

1. Total Proportion of Members

NB Percentages are imprecise – percentages would be okay if dealing with all 50 members, but not 47 members (unless rounding is dispensed with)

Conservative: 36 members = 36/47^{ths}

Labour: 11 members = 11/47^{ths}

2. Allocation of total number of seats

There are a total of 80 seats on the Committees to which the Political Balance Calculations apply.

Conservative: 36/47^{ths} of 80 = 61.28 – Entitlement = 61 seats

Labour: 11/47^{ths} of 80 = 18.72 - Entitlement = 19 seats

3. Allocation of places on individual Committees (to which the Political Balance Regulations apply)

Committee	Total seats	Con		Lab	
		Proportional Entitlement	Whole Seats	Proportional Entitlement	Whole Seats
Overview & Scrutiny	14	10.72	10	3.28	3
Planning	14	10.72	10	3.28	3
Licensing	14	10.72	10	3.28	3
Audit	14	10.72	10	3.28	3
Employment & Appeals	10	7.66	7	2.34	2
Senior Officers Appointments Committee	4	3.06	3	0.94	0
Senior Officers Disciplinary Committee	4	3.06	3	0.94	0
Standards	6	4.6	4	1.40	1
	80		57		15

Comments/Proposals

As well as the whole seats allocated above, both the Conservative and Labour Groups will need to be allocated an additional seat on each of 4 committees to achieve the required total allocation of 61 seats and 19 seats respectively.

As the rule at 5.1a) of the report must apply, Labour must be given a place on each of the Senior Officer Committees. Para 3.2d of the main report details how the remaining 6 places should be allocated.

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3. Recommendations

3.1 That, in order to achieve political balance on the Committees appointed by the Council, 61 seats on those committees be allocated to members of the Conservative Group, 19 seats be allocated to members of the Labour Group and that no seats be allocated to the three non-aligned independent councillors, with seats on each individual committee apportioned on the basis set out in Appendix 1.

3.2 That in order to implement the recommendation in 3.1, the following changes be approved:

(a) That Cllr I Duffy be removed from the Employment and Appeals Committee.

(b) That Cllr R Duffy be removed from both the Employment and Appeals Committee and the Standards Committee.

(c) That a Labour member be appointed to the Employment and Appeals Committee.

(d) That an additional Conservative or Labour member be appointed to all six of the following committees: -

- Overview & Scrutiny Committee
- Planning Committee
- Licensing Committee
- Audit Committee
- Employment and Appeals Committee
- Standards Committee.

The Party having the most unallocated seats chooses the Committees until the shortfalls of each Party are level. Once level the other Party then has the next choice, with the following choices then alternating between the parties, ie. as the Conservatives have 4 unallocated seats, and Labour have 2 unallocated seats at the outset, the choice of committees will be:-

1st Choice – Conservative

2nd Choice – Conservative

3rd Choice – Labour

4th Choice – Conservative

5th Choice – Labour

6th Choice - Conservative

5.4 The application of the calculations to allocate the 80 seats available on the Committees appointed by the Council to which these rules apply, is shown in Appendix 1. The outcome is a total allocation of 61 seats to the Conservative Group and a total allocation of 19 seats to the Labour Group.