

REVIEW OF POLITICAL BALANCE 2020/21

CONSERVATIVE GROUP AMENDMENT

That the recommendation 2.1 be deleted as struck through and replaced with the a new 2.1 as shown in bold italics and recommendations 2.2. and 2.3 be amended with the addition of the wording as shown in bold italics.

- ~~2.1 That the Council appoints/re-appoints its committees with the sizes and allocation of seats between political groups as set out in Appendix 1 to the report;~~
- 2.1 ***That the Council adopts different arrangements pursuant to Section 17 of the Local Government & Housing Act 1989 so that the current allocation of seats remains unchanged for the municipal year 2020/21.***
- 2.2 That the allocation of seats as detailed in the report and in Appendix 2 to the report be approved ***with the necessary modifications to reflect 2.1 above;***
- 2.3 That having received nominations to the committees from the 3 political groups, as detailed in Appendix 2 to the report, such nominations be agreed, and the committee places filled accordingly, ***subject to the necessary modifications to reflect 2.1 above.***

Proposed by: Cllr Bell

Seconded by: Cllr Nemeth

Motion if carried to read:

- 2.1 That the Council adopts different arrangements pursuant to Section 17 of the Local Government & Housing Act 1989 so that the current allocation of seats remains unchanged for the municipal year 2020/21.
- 2.2 That the allocation of seats as detailed in the report and in Appendix 2 to the report be approved with the necessary modifications to reflect 2.1 above;
- 2.3 That having received nominations to the committees from the 3 political groups, as detailed in Appendix 2 to the report, such nominations be agreed, and the committee places filled accordingly, subject to the necessary modifications to reflect 2.1 above;
- 2.4 That those Members listed as Chair, Deputy Chair and Opposition Spokesperson of the respective committees and sub- committees in Appendix 2 be appointed to those positions;
- 2.5 That an urgency sub-committee for each committee be appointed in accordance with Procedure Rule 22 (such committee being politically balanced but not included in the total number of seats for the purpose of allocating seats);

- 2.6 That having regard to 2.2. above, it be agreed that for the purpose of enabling meetings of the Personnel Sub-Committee Appeals Panel and Licensing Panels to be convened without disproportionate difficulty, the make-up of such panels need not be politically proportionate, although every effort will be taken to achieve it and the Council further agrees:
- (i) Although the Panels have the Members referred to in Appendix 2 as their standing Members, the Council agrees that, where any of the 3 Members are not available,
 - (a) any Member of the Council who has received appropriate training shall be eligible to sit on the Personnel Appeal Panel; and
 - (b) any Member of the Licensing Committee who has received the appropriate training shall be eligible to sit on the Licensing Panel
 - (ii) That the Head of Democratic Services be authorised to set up the Panel(s), as and when needed with the permanent Members or, where any of them is not available, by including any other eligible Member of the Council or Committee as appropriate, having regard to the need, where possible, to secure cross party representation;
 - (iii) The above arrangements, and those set out in paragraph 2.5 above, are intended to operate as "alternative arrangements" pursuant to section 17 of the Local Government & Housing Act 1989 and Regulation 20 of the Local Government (Committees and Political Groups) Regulations 1990.
- 2.7 That Council appoints Members/representatives to various bodies as listed in Appendix 3 to the report.