

Brighton & Hove City Council

Council

Agenda Item 47

Subject: Review of Political Balance October 2024

Date of meeting: 24 October 2024

Ward(s) affected: All

Officer Amendment

That the relevant changes are made to the following paragraphs and appendices as shown below in ~~striketrough~~ and ***bold italics***:

- 3.8 The proposed allocation of places on each of the committees as detailed above and in Appendix 1 to the report takes into account the principles referred to in paragraph 3.5 in that:
- a. The Labour Group's overall allocation equals ~~45~~ ***44*** seats,
 - b. The Green Group's overall allocation equals 9 seats,
 - c. The Conservative Group's overall allocation equals 6 seats,
 - d. The Brighton & Hove Independent Group's allocation equals 2 seats and
 - e. That in having regard to the convention that the Council has abided to whenever there has been an Independent Member, 1 seat is offered to each of the Independent Members.
- 3.9 The allocations set out at paragraph 3.8 above provides the Green Group, Conservative Group and Brighton & Hove Independent Group with allocations in accordance with their politically proportionate calculations and provides the Labour Group with ~~2~~ ***1*** seat above their initial allocation. This outcome accords as closely as possible with political proportionality for the allocation of ~~2-1~~ unallocated role following initial calculation. The ~~two~~ ***one*** unallocated roles arises due to the need to round up or down to achieve whole numbers for posts and ~~to only 1 independent member taking up the seat offered.~~ ***Previously there was an additional unallocated role as only 1 independent member had taken up the seat offered. However, following a recent request, both Independent Members are now allocated seats.*** The allocations proposed ensure that all committees have a full membership.

Appendix 1

Committees, Sub-Committees, Boards and Joint Committees	No. Seats	Labour	Green	Conservative	Brighton & Hove Independents	Independent
Audit, Standards &	8	5	1	1		1

General Purposes						
Licensing*	15	12 11 10	2 3	1		1
Planning	10	7	1	1	1	
Health Overview & Scrutiny	10	8	1	1		
Overview & Scrutiny People	10	7	2	1		
Overview & Scrutiny Place	10	7	1	1	1	
Total	63	46 45 44	8 9	6	2	± 2

Paragraph 3.8 - 3.9 and Appendix 1 to read as follows:

- 3.8 The proposed allocation of places on each of the committees as detailed above and in Appendix 1 to the report takes into account the principles referred to in paragraph 3.5 in that:
- The Labour Group's overall allocation equals 44 seats,
 - The Green Group's overall allocation equals 9 seats,
 - The Conservative Group's overall allocation equals 6 seats,
 - The Brighton & Hove Independent Group's allocation equals 2 seats and
 - That in having regard to the convention that the Council has abided to whenever there has been an Independent Member, 1 seat is offered to each of the Independent Members.
- 3.9 The allocations set out at paragraph 3.8 above provides the Green Group, Conservative Group and Brighton & Hove Independent Group with allocations in accordance with their politically proportionate calculations and provides the Labour Group with 1 seat above their initial allocation. This outcome accords as closely as possible with political proportionality for the allocation of 1 unallocated role following initial calculation. The one unallocated roles arises due to the need to round up or down to achieve whole numbers for posts. Previously there was an additional unallocated role as only 1 independent member had taken up the seat offered. However, following a recent request, both Independent Members are now allocated seats. The allocations proposed ensure that all committees have a full membership.

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