

Name of meeting: Council

Date: 22 March 2017

Title of report: Allocation of Seats on Committees etc.

Purpose of report

To seek approval to a change in the composition of the Appeals Panel as a consequence of a change to the number of Councillors on the Council's Labour Group

Key Decision - Is it likely to result in spending or saving £250k or more, or to have a significant effect on two or more electoral wards?	No
Key Decision - Is it in the Council's Forward Plan (key decisions and private reports)?	No
The Decision - Is it eligible for "call in" by Scrutiny?	No
Date signed off by Director & name	Julie Muscroft 14.03.2017
Is it also signed off by the Assistant Director for Financial Management, IT, Risk and Performance?	Yes/ No financial implications If yes give date
Is it also signed off by the Assistant Director - Legal Governance and Monitoring?	Yes/ No legal implications If yes give date
Cabinet member portfolio	Not Applicable

Electoral wards affected: Not applicable

Ward councillors consulted: Not applicable

Public or private: Public

1. Summary

As a consequence of the resignation of Cllr Stubleby from the Council's Labour Group the size of the Group has reduced from 34 to 33 Councillors. This changes the Labour Group's entitlement to seats on Committees/Panels etc. that are subject to the rules of political proportionality.

The Labour Group is required to reduce its allocation of seats by one place.

2. Information required to take a decision

The reduction in the size of the Labour Group means that there has to be a review of the number of places allocated to them on Committees that are subject to the rules of proportionality. The change from 34 to 33 members requires a reduction in overall entitlement to places by one seat.

Taking account of the calculations on entitlement to places in relation to the different sizes of Committees/Panels the Labour Group are required to give up the seat on a Committee/Panel of 14 seats. After consultation with the Labour Group Business Manager it has been agreed that the reduction be applied to the Appeals Panel.

A revised schedule setting out overall entitlement to seats on Committees/Panels that takes account of this is attached and Council are recommended to approve the revised composition of the Appeals Panel.

3. Implications for the Council

3.1 Early Intervention and Prevention (EIP)

There is no impact on this priority theme

3.2 Economic Resilience (ER)

There is no impact on this priority theme

3.3 Improving Outcomes for Children

There is no impact on this priority theme

3.4 Reducing demand of services

There is no impact on this priority theme

4. Consultees and their opinions

Group Business managers have been advised of the implications of the change in the size of the Labour Group and its impact on Committee places.

5. Next steps

The change will be implemented with immediate effect. The question of the composition of Committees/Panels will be considered again at the Annual Meeting of Council in May 2017.

6. Officer recommendations and reasons

That the attached schedule setting out details of the allocation of places to political groups be approved

7. Cabinet portfolio holder recommendation

Not applicable

8. Contact officer

Richard Farnhill, Governance & Democratic Engagement Manager

9. Background Papers and History of Decisions

Report to Annual Meeting of Council – 26 May 2016

10. Assistant Director responsible

Julie Muscroft, Assistant Director, Legal, Governance & Monitoring