

**REPORT OF**     **Senior Solicitor**  
**To:**             **Full Council**  
**Subject:**       **Allocation of Seats to Political Groups**  
**Date:**           **15 May 2017**

**PURPOSE OF REPORT:**

To agree the number of seats on the Committees allocated to each of the Political Groups

**1. INTRODUCTION**

It is a requirement of the Council's Constitution that Full Council approve the number of seats on the Committees allocated to each of the Political Groups each year at the Annual General Meeting

**2. REPORT**

The Committee seats are allocated on a political proportionality basis. There is currently one vacancy on the Council and this will be filled by election on 8 June 2017. A further report will be provided to Full Council on 26 June to update the political balance with this result. Based on the number of Councillors per Group the seat allocation has been calculated as follows:

**Political Balance**

Conservative	52.78%
UKIP	16.67%
Non-aligned	11.11%
Independent	16.67%

**3. IMPLICATIONS**

Legal Implications

It is a requirement of the Council's Constitution that this is agreed each year

Financial Implications

None

Human Resources Implications

None

Sustainability/Biodiversity Implications

n/a

Equality/Diversity

n/a

Risk Management

n/a



Compliance with Policies and Strategies

It is a requirement of the Council's Constitution that this is agreed each year

Ward Member and Lead Member Views

n/a

**4. CONCLUSIONS**

It is a requirement of the Council's Constitution that Full Council approve the number of seats on the Committees allocated to each of the Political Groups at the Annual General Meeting

**5. RECOMMENDATIONS**

Members are recommended to:

- Approve the number of seats on the Committees allocated to each of the Political Groups are calculated as follows:

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