

Report To:	COUNCIL	Date:	16 MAY 2019
Heading:	POLITICAL BALANCE AND COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP - APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES, PANELS AND WORKING GROUPS		
Portfolio Holder:			
Ward/s:	ALL		
Key Decision:	NO		
Subject to Call-In:	NO		

Purpose of Report

This report sets out the proposed political balance of the Council's Committees and Panels following the District Elections held on the 2 May 2019.

Recommendation(s)

The Council is requested to NOTE that the political balance of the Committees of the Council are set out below;

- **Ashfield Independents – 70 Seats**
- **Conservative – 7 Seats**
- **Labour – 5 Seats**

Reasons for Recommendation(s)

To comply with the provisions of the Local Government & Housing Act 1989, requiring the Council to allocate seats on its Committees in a politically proportional way.

Alternative Options Considered

No other options are appropriate as the Council has to comply with the need for political proportionality in the distribution of seats on Council Committees.

Detailed Information

POLITICAL PROPORTIONALITY

The Council is required by law to ensure that it allocates places on its Committees in a politically proportionate way. It does not apply to the Council's Executive, the Cabinet.

At the start of the year the Council is asked to allocate places on the relevant Committees in a politically proportionate way. There are **82** such places in total.

In order to reflect political proportionality on the Council (for practical purposes some element of 'rounding up' of the figures is required) the following number of places are therefore allocated to each group;

Group	Seats on Council	Allocation of the '82' places subject to political proportionality
Ashfield Independents	30	70
Conservative	3	7
Labour	2	5

Implications

Corporate Plan:

There are no implications in respect of the Corporate Plan

Legal:

The Local Government & Housing Act 1989 requires local authorities to allocate places on its committees in a politically proportional way.

Finance:

Budget Area	Implication
General Fund – Revenue Budget	None
General Fund – Capital Programme	None
Housing Revenue Account – Revenue Budget	None
Housing Revenue Account – Capital Programme	None

Risk:

Risk	Mitigation
Should the seats not be allocated in accordance with political proportionality, the Council would be contravening the Local Government & Housing Act 1989 (which requires local authorities to allocate places on their committees in a politically proportionate way).	Committee Membership and Political Balance be allocated accordingly.

Human Resources:

There are no Human Resources implications arising from this report.

Equalities:

There are no Equality implications arising from this report.

Other Implications:

None

Reason(s) for Urgency

None

Reason(s) for Exemption

None

Background Papers

None

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