



Council

24 January 2023

Title	Political Proportionality
Report of	Head of Governance
Wards	All Wards
Status	Public
Urgent	No
Key	No
Enclosures	Appendix A – Calculation of Political Balance
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Summary

On 13th December 2022 a casual vacancy arose following the sad death of Councillor Melvin Cohen which has altered the political balance of the Council.

Officers Recommendations

1. That Council note the political balance of the Council is:
 - 41 Members of the Labour Group;
 - 21 Members of the Conservative Group
2. Council agree the allocation of seats as set out in the tables in Appendix A in order to comply with the political balance regulations requiring seats to be allocated proportionately to the political groups on Council.

1. WHY THIS REPORT IS NEEDED

- 1.1 On 13th December 2022 a casual vacancy arose in the Golders Green Ward following the sad passing of Councillor Melvin Cohen which has altered the political balance of the Council. Details of the revised political balance of the Council is set out in Appendix A.
- 1.2 A by-election is scheduled to take place in the Golders Green Ward on Thursday 16th February 2023.
- 1.3 Following a recalculation of political balance there is no requirement to reallocate committee seats to different political groups to achieve political balance overall as detailed in Appendix A.

2. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 A recalculation of political balance is required for the reasons set out in section 1.

3. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND NOT RECOMMENDED

- 3.1 None.

4. POST DECISION IMPLEMENTATION

- 4.1 N/A. There is no requirement to reallocate committee seats to different political groups to achieve political balance overall.

5. IMPLICATIONS OF DECISION

5.1 Corporate Priorities and Performance

- 5.1.1 N/A

5.2 Resources (Finance & Value for Money, Procurement, Staffing, IT, Property, Sustainability)

- 5.2.1 There are no resource implications.

5.3 Social Value

- 5.3.1 N/A

5.4 Legal and Constitutional References

- 5.4.1 As set out in Appendix A.

5.5 Risk Management

- 5.5.1 N/A

5.6 Equalities and Diversity

5.6.1 N/A

5.7 Corporate Parenting

5.7.1 N/A

5.8 Consultation and Engagement

5.8.1 N/A

5.9 Insight

5.9.1 N/A

6. BACKGROUND PAPERS

6.1 None