



Council

30 January 2024

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 26th January 2024 the Proper Officer received notification that Councillor Laithe Jajeh would be becoming an Independent Member which requires a recalculation of political balance.

Officers Recommendations

1. That Council note the political balance of the Council is:

- 40 Members of the Labour Group
- 21 Members of the Conservative Group
- 2 Independent Members

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 26th January 2024 the Proper Officer received notification that Councillor Laithe Jajeh would be becoming an Independent Member which requires a recalculation of political balance.
- 1.2 Following a recalculation of political balance there is a requirement to reduce the number of Conservative seats on the Strategic Planning Committee (from four to three) to achieve political balance overall as detailed in Appendix A. No other changes are required across other committees.

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