



## Council

27 February 2024

<b>Title</b>	<b>Political Proportionality</b>
<b>Report of</b>	Head of Governance
<b>Wards</b>	All Wards
<b>Status</b>	Public
<b>Urgent</b>	No
<b>Key</b>	No
<b>Enclosures</b>	Appendix A – Calculation of Political Balance
<b>Officer Contact Details</b>	Andrew Charlwood, Head of Governance, <a href="mailto:andrew.charlwood@barnet.gov.uk">andrew.charlwood@barnet.gov.uk</a> 020 8359 2014

### Summary

Detailed elsewhere on the agenda are recommended Constitution amendments one of which proposes an increase in the number of seats on the Employment Sub-Committee from 3 seats to 6 seats which will increase the overall seat total by 3. This change 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 Detailed elsewhere on the agenda are recommended Constitution amendments one of which proposes an increase in the number of seats on the Employment Sub-Committee from 3 seats to 6 seats which will increase the overall seat total by 3. This change requires a recalculation of political balance.

## **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 There will be an addition of 3 seats on the Employment Sub-Committee (2 Labour and 1 Conservative). The Political Groups will need to nominate new Members to sit on the Sub-Committee with appointments being made by Council.

## **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