

COUNCIL REPRESENTATION ON THE PARTNERSHIP PANEL

1 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 Council is asked to review representation on the Partnership Panel following a change in political composition of the Council.

2 DISCUSSION

- 2.1 Outside bodies fall outside the statutory duty of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 relating to political proportionality.
- 2.2 However, at an extraordinary meeting of Council on 8 September 2020 Council resolved to set up a Partnership Panel in accordance with political pro rata rules with a requirement to appoint 7 representatives. At that time the political composition of the Council was:

Conservative	25
Rochford District Residents	4
Green	3
Liberal Democrat	3
Independent	2
Non Group Members/Vacancy	2

- 2.3 Since then, the political composition of the Council has changed to the following:

Conservative	25
Rochford District Residents	4
Green & Independent	2
Liberal Democrat	3
Independent	2
Non Group Members/Vacancies	3

- 2.4 The current membership of the Partnership Panel is as follows:-

- Conservative: 4 (Cllrs Mrs D L Belton; Mrs J R Gooding; R Milne and M J Steptoe)
- Rochford District Residents: 1 (Cllr N J Hookway)
- Liberal Democrat: 1 (Cllr C M Stanley)
- Green & Independent: 1 (Cllr S A Wilson)

- 2.5 According to the pro rata rules representation on the Partnership Panel does not need to be adjusted for the Conservative, Rochford District Residents or the Liberal Democrat Groups. However, the seat currently held by the Green and

Independent Group can be allocated to either the Green and Independent Group or the Independent Group. The Group Leaders of these two Groups have therefore been asked if they wish to nominate one of their Members to the single seat on the Panel. An addendum to the report will follow, based on any nominations received.

3 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 There are no resource implications arising from this report.

4 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no legal implications arising from this report.

5 EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 An Equality Impact Assessment has been completed and found there to be no impacts (either positive or negative) on protected groups, as defined under the Equality Act 2010.

6 RECOMMENDATION

- 6.1 It is proposed that Council **RESOLVES**

- (1) That one Member be appointed from either the Green and Independent Group or the Independent Group as a representative on the Partnership Panel.



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Background Papers:-

None.

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