

ALLOCATION OF SEATS ON COMMITTEES

1 SUMMARY

- 1.1 The Council is invited to agree the allocation of seats to Committees following a change in the political composition.

2 DISCUSSION

- 2.1 The Council has a statutory duty by virtue of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 to ensure that appointments to Committees reflect the proportion of the total number of seats on the Council held by each political group, unless otherwise agreed.
- 2.2 Following a recent change in the political composition, the Assistant Director, Democratic Services has re-calculated the allocation of seats in accordance with the Act, which sets down the following criteria that must be followed when appointing Members to Committees:-
- (1) That not all the seats are held by Members of the same political group.
 - (2) That, if a political group has a majority of the membership of the Council, then that group has the majority of the seats.
 - (3) That, subject to principles (1) and (2) above, the total number of seats each political group has on all ordinary Committees is in proportion to that group's share of the total Council elected membership.
 - (4) That, subject to principles (1), (2) and (3) above, each political group has the same proportion of seats as it holds on the Council as a whole.
- 2.3 The current composition of the Council is as follows:-
- | | |
|---------------------------------------|----|
| Conservative | 26 |
| Rochford District Residents and Green | 7 |
| Liberal Democrat | 3 |
| Friends of Rochford | 2 |
| Rayleigh Independents | 1 |
- 2.4 The proposed allocation of seats to Committees and the Council's one Sub-Committee, the Planning Policy Sub-Committee, is as indicated in the appendix to this report.

3 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 Provision has been made within the 2018/19 budget for the anticipated costs that arise from the Council's Committees.

4 RISK IMPLICATIONS

4.1 None arising.

5 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

5.1 None other than those already set out in the report.

6 EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS

6.1 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.

7 RECOMMENDATION

7.1 It is proposed that Council **RESOLVES**

That Committee seat allocations be as shown in the appendix to this report.



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Background Papers:-

None.

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COMMITTEE SEAT ALLOCATIONS 2018/19

Committee	No. of Seats	Conservative (66.7%)	Rochford District Residents and Green (17.9%)	Liberal Democrat (7.7%)	Friends of Rochford 5.1%)	Rayleigh Independents (2.6%)
Appeals	6	4	1	1		0
Audit	11	7	2	1	1	0
Development	13	9	2	1	1	0
Investment Board	13	9	2	1	1	0
Licensing	15	10	3	1	1	0
Review	15	10	3	1	1	0
Standards	8	5	1	1	1	0
Total No. of Seats	81	54	14	6.5	6.5	0

SUB-COMMITTEE SEAT ALLOCATIONS 2018/19

Sub-Committee	No. of Seats	Conservative (66.7%)	Rochford District Residents and Green (17.9%)	Liberal Democrat (7.7%)	Friends of Rochford 5.1%	Rayleigh Independents (2.6%)
Planning Policy	6	4	1	1		0
Total No. of Seats	6	4	1	1		0