

COUNCIL MEETING 16TH NOVEMBER

AGENDA NOTE ON POLITICAL PROPORTIONALITY

There have been two recent events (a by-election and a change in political group membership) that have triggered a request for a review of political proportionality – the number of seats on various Council Committees and their allocation to political groups.

The review has concluded that an additional seat should be provided to the Conservative group on the Safer and Stronger Communities Overview and Scrutiny panel – making its membership 4 Conservatives, 3 Liberal Democrats rather than 3:3 (with one seat allocated to an unaligned councillor).

Council is asked to agree:

- 2.1 The allocation of seats on all relevant Committees be amended from 34:28:5:2 with one unaligned seat to 35:28:5:2
- 2.2 The membership of Safer and Stronger Communities Overview and Scrutiny panel be 4:3 rather than 3:3:1

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