

**REPORT TO THE ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING (part II) OF 19 MAY
2011**

Status: Decision
Title: Allocation of Seats to Political Groups
Originator: Beth Murgatroyd, Principal Democratic Services Officer
Where from: Management Board
Where to next: Implementation

1 Purpose Report

- 1.1 To decide the allocation of seats to political groups in accordance with the political balance rules, as outlined in the Local Government and Housing Act 1989.

2 Recommendations:

- 2.1 **That the allocation of seats to political groups for the 2011/12 Council year be as set out in Appendix A to this report.(to follow)**

3 Summary of Reasons for the Recommendations

- 3.1 Procedure Rule 1.1 of part 4(1) of the Council's Constitution requires that the allocation of seats to political groups be undertaken at the Annual Meeting of the Council.
- 3.2 This allocation must be done in accordance with the political balance rules under the Local Government and Housing Act 1989.

4 Key Facts

- 4.1 For Members' information, an explanation of the political balance rules provided by the Local Government Association is attached at Appendix B.
- 4.2 Appendix A contains details of the political balance calculations under the Local Government and Housing Act 1989, along with details of the appointments that are exempt from the political balance calculations under that legislation.

5 Legal Issues

- 5.1 As set out in Section 3 above.

6 Resource Issues

6.1 The allocation of seats to the political groups will enable the Council to undertake business legally, facilitating the efficient use of the Council's resources.

7 Impact on the Organisation

7.1 As set out in Section 6 above.

8 Consultation

8.1 Nominations for those to be appointed are submitted by each group, in accordance with the political balance outlined in Appendix A.

9 Options Considered

9.1 Not applicable.

10 Background Papers

10.1 None.

Previous report(s): N/A.

Information Issued Under Sensitive Issue Procedure: No.

Ward Members Notified: No.