
Report to
Report to Council

12th December 2006

Report of
Director of Legal and Democratic Services

Title
Review of Political Balance of the Council and changes to the membership of Committees

1 Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 To ask Council to agree the revised political balance of the Council following a change to the membership of the Conservative Political Group on the Council and to approve changes in the membership of various committees requested by the Conservative Group.

2 Recommendations

It is recommended that:-

- 2.1 The revised political balance of the Council as shown in Appendix 1 be approved.
2.2 Councillor Williams replace Councillor M Noonan on the Licensing and Regulatory Committee.
2.3 Councillor Kelsey replace Councillor Williams on the Planning Committee.
2.4 Councillor Hunter replace Councillor Harper on Scrutiny Board 4.
2.5 Council notes that the place on Licensing and Regulatory Committee formerly allocated to the Independent member now be allocated to the Conservative Group and that Councillor Hunter take that seat.

3 Information/Background

- 3.1 The change in membership of the Conservative Group on the City Council caused by Councillor Hunter becoming a member of that Group was formally notified to the Council on 24th October 2006 in accordance with the (Local Government Committee and Political Groups) Regulations 1990 (as amended). These Regulations require that the Council reviews the political balance and the allocation of places on committees, which are subject to the regulations, as soon as is practical after a change to political group membership.
- 3.2 As a result of its increased membership, the Conservative Group is entitled to an actual increase of one place overall. In reality it has merely transferred the one independent place of Councillor Hunter on the Licensing and Regulatory to the Conservative Political Group and notification has been received that the Conservative Group wish to appoint Councillor Hunter to that place. The entitlement of other political groups remains

unchanged as shown in Appendix 1 and so the places on committees that were allocated to them under the previous review remain the same.

3.3 The Regulations require the Council to formally approve the revised political balance and the revised allocation of places to the political groups in accordance with that political balance.

3.4 Notification has also been received from the Conservative Group that it wishes to make a change to its representatives as detailed below:-

- Licensing and Regulatory Committee – Councillor Williams to replace Councillor M Noonan
- Planning Committee – Councillor Kelsey to replace Councillor Williams
- Scrutiny Board 4 – Councillor Hunter to replace Councillor Harper

4 Proposal and other Options to be considered

4.1 Council is asked to approve the revised political balance arrangement as set out in Appendix 1.

5 Other specific implications

5.1

	Implications (See below)	No Implications
Best Value		✓
Children and Young People		✓
Comparable Benchmark Data		√
Corporate Parenting		✓
Coventry Community Plan		✓
Crime and Disorder		✓
Equal Opportunities		✓
Finance		√
Health and Safety		✓
Human Resources		√
Human Rights Act		✓
Impact on Partner Organisations		✓
Information and Communications Technology		✓
Legal Implications		√
Neighbourhood Management		✓
Property Implications		✓
Race Equality Scheme		✓

	Implications (See below)	No Implications
Risk Management		✓
Sustainable Development		✓
Trade Union Consultation		✓
Voluntary Sector – The Coventry Compact		✓

	Yes	No
Key Decision		
Scrutiny Consideration (if yes, which Scrutiny meeting and date)		
Council Consideration (if yes, date of Council meeting)	12 th December 2006	

List of background papers

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