

Council

24 June 2025

Name of Cabinet Member:

Not applicable

Director Approving Submission of the report:

Director of Law and Governance

Ward(s) affected:

Not Applicable

Title:

Political Proportionality and Amendments to Appointments to Council and Outside Bodies 2025/26

Is this a key decision? No

Executive Summary:

This report seeks approval to the revised Political Proportionality for the City Council for 2025/26 and the consequential amendments required to appointments to Council and outside bodies which have arisen as a result of the formal notification by Councillor J Gardiner and Councillor M Lapsa that they are now Reform Group Councillors with effect from 6 June, 2025.

Recommendation:

That Council:

- 1) Approve the revised Political Proportionality for the City Council for 2025/26, which will be presented at the meeting.
- 2) Consider any amendments to appointments to the Council and outside bodies required as a result of the revised Political Proportionality, which will be moved at the meeting.

List of Appendices included:

None

Useful background papers:

None

Has it or will it be considered by Scrutiny?

No

Has it, or will it be considered by any other Council Committee, Advisory Panel or other body?

No

Will this report go to Council?

Yes – 24 June 2025

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1. Context (or background)

- 1.1 At the Annual General Meeting of the Council on 22 May 2025, Council approved the Political Proportionality for the City Council for 2025/26, based on the following Group numbers:
- Labour Group – 40 seats
 - Conservative Group – 12 seats
 - Green Group – 2 seats
- 1.2 Appointments were made to Council and outside bodies for 2025/26 in accordance with the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 and the Local Government (Committees and Political Groups) Regulations 1990 which require bodies to be politically balanced and seats on Council bodies to be allocated in proportion to the Groups' share of the total membership of the Council.
- 1.3 On 6 June, 2025 Councillors J Gardiner and M Lapsa formally notified the Head of Governance, as the Proper Officer, that they were now Reform Councillors (instead of Conservative Councillors) and had formed the Reform Group on the City Council, with Councillor Gardiner as the Leader of the Group and Councillor Lapsa as the Deputy Leader. The revised political make up of the Council is now:-
- Labour Group – 40 seats
 - Conservative Group – 10 seats
 - Green Group – 2 seats
 - Reform Group – 2 seats
- 1.4 In accordance with the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 and The Local Government (Committees and Political Groups) Regulations 1990, consideration needs to be given the revised Political Proportionality of the Council and to consequential amendments to the appointments to Council and outside bodies for 2025/26. The revised Political Proportionality for 2025/26 and the consequential amendments to appointments will be presented to the City Council for approval at the meeting on 24 June, 2025.

2. Options considered and recommended proposal

Council is recommended to:

- 1) Approve the revised Political Proportionality for the City Council for 2025/26 which will be presented at the meeting.
- 2) Consider any amendments to appointments to the Council and outside bodies required as a result of the revised Political Proportionality, which will be moved at the meeting.

3. Results of consultation undertaken

The Group Leaders have been consulted on the appointments relevant to their Group.

4. Timetable for implementing this decision

Amendments to appointments to Council bodies and outside will take effect from the date of the Council meeting.

5. Comments from the Director of Finance and Resources and the Director of Law and Governance

5.1 Financial implications

There are no financial implications arising from this report.

5.2 Legal implications

The revised Political Proportionality and amendments to the appointments to Council and outside bodies are in line with the Constitution and the political group proportionality requirements as set out in the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 and the Local Government (Committees and Political Groups) Regulations 1990

6. Other implications

Not applicable

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