

Report to COUNCIL

The Result of the Failsworth East By-Election and Review of the Composition of Political Groups

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Reason for Decision

For Elected Members to note the outcome of the local By-Election on the 29th November 2018 and to note the composition of the political groups.

Recommendations

The Council are requested to:

1. Note the result of the By-Election.
2. Note the new composition of the political groups as outlined in the report.
3. Agree the following Committee changes:
 - The two vacancies on Licensing to be filled by Licensing Councillor Harrison and Councillor Haque.
 - The Vacancy on the Charitable Trust Committee to be filled by Councillor E Jacques.
 - Councillor Malik to step down as a Member of O&S Performance and Value for Money Select Committee.
 - Councillor Azad to step down as Independent Member of Audit.
 - Councillor Azad to be appointed as Independent Member of O&S Performance and Value for Money Select Committee.

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- Councillor Rehman to be appointed as Independent Member of Audit.

4. Agree the following substitutes:

- Councillor Davis – Audit
- Councillor E Jacques – Overview and Scrutiny

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1 Local By-Election Results

- 1.1 A local By-Election took place on 29th November 2018 and the following was elected to serve as Member of the Council as shown:

Ward	Turnout	Councillor
Failsworth East	15.00%	Elizabeth Jacques

Councillor Elizabeth Jacques is a member of the Labour Group on the Council.

2 Political Groups

- 2.1 In addition to the result of the Local By-Election on 29th November 2018 the Leader of the Council has notified the Council that Councillor Rehman is no longer a Member of the Labour Group. Council is asked to note the composition of the political groups as notified under Regulation 8(1) of the Local Government (Committees and Political Groups) Regulations 1980.

- i. The Labour Group – 44 members
- ii. The Liberal Democrat Group – 8 members
- iii. The Conservative Group – 4 members
- iv. Independent – 4 Members

- 2.2 The political group sizes based on 78 Committee places available as a percentage of the total membership of the Council are:-

Labour Group	$44/60 \times 100 = 73.33\%$	$78 \text{ seats} \times 73.33\% = 57.19$	58 Seats
Liberal Democrat Group	$8/60 \times 100 = 13.33\%$	$78 \text{ seats} \times 13.33\% = 10.39$	11 Seats
Conservative Group	$4/60 \times 100 = 6.66\%$	$78 \text{ seats} \times 6.66\% = 5.19$	5 Seats
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The Labour Group have lost a seat due to the changes in the composition of Political Groups from 59 seats to 58 seats, all other Political Group allocations remain the same as the political balance review agreed by Full Council on 12th September 2018.

Labour seats on the Performance and Value for Money Select Committee will reduce from 6 to 5 and it is proposed that a seat is given to an Independent Member as detailed in the table below:

Committee	Seats	L	LD	C	I	I	I	I
Licensing	14	11	1	1	1	0	0	0
Planning	14	11	2	1	0	0	0	0
O&S Performance & Value for Money Select Committee	8	5	1	1	0	0	0	1
O&S Management Board	8	5	1	1	0	1	0	0
Audit Committee	9	6	1	1	0	0	1	0
Commons Registration Committee	5	4	1	0	0	0	0	0
Selection Committee	5	4	1	0	0	0	0	0
Local NJC	7	6	1	0	0	0	0	0
Appeals Committee	3	2	1	0	0	0	0	0
Charitable Trustee Committee	5	4	1	0	0	0	0	0
Total	78	58	11	5	1	1	1	1

Due to the review there are now 2 Labour vacancies on Licensing Committee, 1 Labour vacancy on the charitable Trust Committee and two Labour substitutes required, 1 on Audit Committee and 1 on the Overview and Scrutiny Board.

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