

Report to COUNCIL

Political Balance Review

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Reason for Decision

Following the sad news of the recent deaths of Councillor Brian Ames and Councillor Susan Dearden, two vacancies have occurred which have triggered a review of the allocation of seats to political groups. The review is required, as soon as is practicable when notice is received of a change in the composition of a political group.

Recommendations

The Council are requested to:

1. Note and agree the review of political balance and committees as detailed within the report.
2. Note the review undertaken requires no change to political balance or committee places.

1 Vacancies

Two vacancies have arisen on the Council, in Hollinwood and Chadderton Central due to the recent deaths of Councillor Brian Ames and Councillor Susan Dearden.

2 Political Groups

2.1 The Council is asked to note the composition of the political groups due to the vacancies.

- i. The Labour Group – 44 members
- ii. The Liberal Democrat Group – 8 members
- iii. The Conservative Group – 2 members
- iv. UKIP – 1 Member
- v. Independent – 2 Members

2.2 The allocation of Committees has been reviewed and no changes are required to that of the review considered and agreed by Council on 13th December 2017. The political group sizes based on 78 Committee places available as a percentage of the total membership of the Council are:-

Labour Group	$44/57 \times 100 = 77.19\%$	$78 \text{ seats} \times 77.19\% = 60.21$	61 Seats
Liberal Democrat Group	$8/57 \times 100 = 14.04\%$	$78 \text{ seats} \times 14.04\% = 10.95$	11 Seats
Conservative Group	$2/57 \times 100 = 3.51\%$	$78 \text{ seats} \times 3.51\% = 2.74$	3 Seats
UKIP	$1/57 \times 100 = 1.75\%$	$78 \text{ seats} \times 1.75\% = 1.37$	1 Seats
Independent	$1/57 \times 100 = 1.75\%$	$78 \text{ seats} \times 1.75\% = 1.37$	1 Seat
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The number of seats on the various Committees for the rest of the 2017/18 Municipal Year are as agreed by Full Council on the 13th December 2017, as the review requires no change are as follows:-

Committee	Seats	L	LD	C	U	I	I
Licensing	14	11	1	1	0	1	0
Planning	14	10	2	1	1	0	0
O&S Performance & Value for Money Select Committee	8	6	1	1	0	0	0
O&S Management Board	8	6	1	0	0	0	1
Audit Committee	9	8	1	0	0	0	0
Commons Registration Committee	5	4	1	0	0	0	0
Selection Committee	5	4	1	0	0	0	0
Local NJC	7	6	1	0	0	0	0
Appeals Committee	3	2	1	0	0	0	0
Charitable Trustee Committee	5	4	1	0	0	0	0
Total	78	61	11	3	1	1	1