

GOSPORT BOROUGH COUNCIL

BOARD/COMMITTEE:	ANNUAL COUNCIL
DATE OF MEETING:	19 MAY 2021
TITLE:	COMPOSITION AND REVIEW OF COUNCIL BOARDS AND COMMITTEE AND DETERMINATION OF ALLOCATION OF SEATS
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STATUS:	FOR DECISION

PURPOSE

To advise the Council of the balance of the seats on the Council and the position with regard to Political Groups and to undertake a review in accordance with the "Proportionality Rules" of the balance of seats on the Boards and Committees of the Council.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Council approves:

1. That the Community Board, Climate Change Board, Economic Development Board, Policy and Organisation Board, Regulatory Board and Standards and Governance Committee comprise of 12 members; and the Housing Board comprise of 13 Members and the Licensing Sub-Board remain comprised of 3 members; and the Licensing (General Applications) Sub-Board remain comprised of 5 members.
2. The allocation of seats on the Boards and Committee as set out in paragraph 3.2

1.0 REVIEW OF COUNCIL BOARDS AND SUB-BOARDS

- 1.1 The Council previously reviewed the allocation of seats and made a determination as to the allocation between the Political Groups at the Council Meeting on 10 June 2020.

2.0 PROPORTIONALITY RULES

- 2.1 Currently notices have been received from 2 Political Groups. There is a further member who is not a member of a political group, which under the Regulations must have 2 or more members.

2.2 Section 15 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 requires the Council to review the allocation of seats and when making allocation of seats to Political Groups allocations are made to give effect so far as reasonably practicable to the following principles:

1. That not all the seats are allocated to the same Political Group;
2. That the majority of seats are allocated to the Political Group having a majority of seats on the Council;
3. That subject to 1 and 2 above the number of seats on the total of all Boards and Committees of the Council allocated to each Political Group bears the same proportion to the proportion on the Council;
4. That subject to all the above the number of seats on each Board and Committee allocated to each Political Group bears the same proportion to the proportion on the Council

2.3 The Council will have 6 Boards and one Committee; and there will be 85 seats to be allocated to the Political Groups as follows and in accordance with the principles as set out in paragraph 2.2.

	Conservative	Liberal Democrats	TOTAL
Members	19	14	33
Proportion	55.88%	41.18%	97.06%
Seats	48	35	83

3.0 COMPOSITION OF BOARDS AND PROPOSED ALLOCATION – BOARDS, STANDARDS AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

3.1 The proposed allocation of seats is set out below. This allocates the two remaining seats to each of the Political Groups, thus ensuring that proportionality percentages mirror those detailed in 2.3 as closely as possible.

	Conservative	Liberal Democrats	TOTAL
Policy and Organisation	7	5	12
Community	7	5	12
Climate Change	7	5	12
Housing	7	6	13
Economic Development	7	5	12
Regulatory	7	5	12
Standards and	7	5	12

Governance Committee			
TOTAL	49	36	85

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Financial Services Comments:	Nil
Legal Services Comments:	As indicated in Section 2
Crime and Disorder:	Not applicable
Equality and Diversity:	Not applicable
Service Improvement Plan implications:	Nil
Corporate Plan:	Nil
Risk Assessment:	Nil
Background Papers:	Council Meeting 10 June 2020
Appendices/Enclosures:	None
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