

## GOSPORT BOROUGH COUNCIL

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| <b>BOARD/COMMITTEE:</b> | <b>ANNUAL COUNCIL</b>  |
| <b>DATE OF MEETING:</b> | <b>10 MAY 2023</b>   |
| <b>TITLE:</b>           | <b>COMPOSITION AND REVIEW OF COUNCIL BOARDS AND COMMITTEE AND DETERMINATION OF ALLOCATION OF SEATS</b> |
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| <b>STATUS:</b>          | <b>FOR DECISION</b>  |

### **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 and Environment Board, Housing Board, Policy and Organisation Board, and Regulatory Board comprise of 7 members; and the Licensing Sub-Board remain comprised of 3 members; and the Licensing (General Applications) Sub-Board remain comprised of 5 members. The Standards and Audit Sub-Board and the Grants Sub-Board will 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 19 May 2022.

#### **2.0 PROPORTIONALITY RULES**

- 2.1 Currently notices have been received from 3 Political Groups.
- 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 4 Boards and; and there will be 28 seats to be allocated to the Political Groups as follows and in accordance with the principles as set out in paragraph 2.2.

|            | <b>Liberal Democrat</b> | <b>Conservative</b> | <b>Labour</b> | <b>TOTAL</b> |
|------------|-------------------------|---------------------|---------------|--------------|
| Members    | 16                      | 10                  | 2             | 28           |
| Proportion | 57.14                   | 35.71               | 7.14          | 99.99%       |
| Seats      | 16                      | 10                  | 2             | 28           |

### **3.0 COMPOSITION OF BOARDS AND PROPOSED ALLOCATION – BOARDS.**

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.

|                                 | <b>Liberal Democrat</b> | <b>Conservative</b> | <b>Labour</b> | <b>TOTAL</b> |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|---------------|--------------|
| Policy and Organisation Board   | 4                       | 3                   | 0             | 7            |
| Community and Environment Board | 4                       | 2                   | 1             | 7            |
| Housing Board                   | 4                       | 2                   | 1             | 7            |
| Regulatory Board                | 4                       | 3                   | 0             | 7            |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                    | <b>16</b>               | <b>10</b>           | <b>2</b>      | <b>28</b>    |

#### 4.0 PROPOSED ALLOCATION OF SUB BOARDS – GRANTS AND STANDARDS AND AUDIT.

4.1 It is proposed that the Council allocates seats on the Sub-Boards as set out below as this is the accordance with the Council's constitution.

|                     | <b>LIBERAL<br/>DEMOCRAT</b> | <b>CONSERVATIVE</b> | <b>LABOUR</b> |
|---------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------|---------------|
| Standards and Audit | 3                           | 1                   | 1             |
| Grants              | 3                           | 1                   | 1             |
| Total               | 6                           | 2                   | 2             |

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| <b>Financial Services Comments:</b>           | Nil                                      |
| <b>Legal Services Comments:</b>               | As indicated in Section 2                |
| <b>Crime and Disorder:</b>                    | Not applicable                           |
| <b>Climate Change</b>                         | Not applicable                           |
| <b>Equality and Diversity:</b>                | Not applicable                           |
| <b>Service Improvement Plan implications:</b> | Nil                                      |
| <b>Corporate Plan:</b>                        | Nil                                      |
| <b>Risk Assessment:</b>                       | Nil                                      |
| <b>Background Papers:</b>                     | Council Meeting 19 May 2022              |
| <b>Appendices/Enclosures:</b>                 | None                                     |
| <b>Report Author/Lead Officer:</b>            | Borough Solicitor and Monitoring Officer |