

## GOSPORT BOROUGH COUNCIL

<b>BOARD/COMMITTEE:</b>	<b>ANNUAL COUNCIL</b>
<b>DATE OF MEETING:</b>	<b>15 MAY 2024</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 comprise of 7 seats 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 will comprise of 5 members and the Grants Sub-Board will comprise of 5 members .
2. The allocation of seats on the Boards 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. There is currently one vacancy as a result of Councillor Maggie Morgan passing away. A by-election will be held in due course.

- 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 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>Vacancy</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
Members	15	10	2	1	2
Proportion	53.57	35.71	7.14	3.57	99.99%
Seats	16	10	2	0	28

### **3.0 COMPOSITION OF BOARDS AND PROPOSED ALLOCATION – BOARDS, STANDARDS AND AUDIT SUB- BOARD AND GRANTS SUB-BOARD**

3.1 The proposed allocation of seats is set out below.

	<b>Liberal Democrat</b>	<b>Conservative</b>	<b>Labour</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
Policy and Organisation Board	4	2	1	7
Community and Environment Board	4	3	0	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>

	<b>Liberal Democrat</b>	<b>Conservative</b>	<b>Labour</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
Grants Sub Board	3	1	1	5
Standards and Audit Sub-Board	3	2		5
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>10</b>

<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 10 May 2023
<b>Appendices/Enclosures:</b>	None
<b>Report Author/Lead Officer:</b>	Peter Baulf - Borough Solicitor and Monitoring Officer