

GOSPORT BOROUGH COUNCIL

BOARD/COMMITTEE:	COUNCIL
DATE OF MEETING:	17 JULY 2024
TITLE:	REVIEW OF COUNCIL BOARDS AND COMMITTEE AND DETERMINATION OF ALLOCATION OF SEATS
AUTHOR:	BOROUGH SOLICITOR
STATUS:	FOR DECISION

PURPOSE

To advise the Council of the balance of the seats on the Council following the Grange and Alver Valley by-election 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 approve:

1. The allocation of seats on the Boards and Committee as set out in paragraph 3.1

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 Annual Council Meeting on 15 May 2024.

2.0 PROPORTIONALITY RULES

- 2.1 Following the by-election for the Grange and Alver Valley on 4th July 2024 the Political balance of the Council has altered.
- 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 has 4 Boards and there will be 28 seats to be allocated across the 4 boards as set out in paragraph 2.2 above.

	Conservative	Labour	Liberal Democrats	TOTAL
Members	10	3	15	28
Proportion	35.71	10.72	53.57	100%
Seats	9	3	16	28

3.0 PROPOSED ALLOCATION – BOARDS

3.1 The proposed allocation of seats is set out below.

	Conservative	Labour	Liberal Democrats	TOTAL
Policy and Organisation	2	1	4	7
Community and Environment	2	1	4	7
Housing	2	1	4	7
Regulatory	3		4	7
TOTAL	9	3	16	28

3.2 This proposed allocation gives effect to the principles set out in paragraph 2.2 above

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 15 May 2024
Appendices/Enclosures:	None
Report Author/Lead Officer:	Peter Baulf, Borough Solicitor and Monitoring Officer.

