

APPENDIX A

WAVERLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING – 23 APRIL 2013

LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND HOUSING ACT 1989

LOCAL GOVERNMENT (COMMITTEES AND POLITICAL GROUPS) REGULATIONS 1990

1. The Council is under a duty to review the allocation of seats on the principal Committees, namely the two Overview and Scrutiny Committees and the Regulatory Committees, i.e. the Licensing and Regulatory Committee and the Joint Planning Committee, at, or as soon as practicable after, any change to the political composition of the Council. Calculations giving the allocation of seats are set out at paragraph 3 (iv) below.
2. Following the recent resignation of a councillor there is currently one vacancy on the Council which will be filled at a by-election taking place on 2 May 2013. The only Independent councillor has now chosen to sit as a UKIP member and two councillors have also left the Conservative Group and asked formally to join a new UKIP Group on the Council. The Conservative and UKIP Groups are registered under the provisions of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989. The political breakdown of the Council is now:-

<u>Conservative Group</u>	<u>UKIP Group</u>	<u>Vacancy</u>
53	3	1

3. To calculate the allocation of seats on principal committees, it is necessary to proceed as follows:-
 - (i) Total number of seats on all relevant committees – 72
 - (ii) Proportion that each registered political group forms of the total membership of the Authority in accordance with the above registration:-

<u>Conservative Group</u>	<u>UKIP Group</u>	<u>Vacancy</u>
92.98 %	5.26 %	1.75 %

- (iii) Apply proportions to the relevant committees to arrive at a total share of seats:-

<u>Conservative Group</u>	<u>UKIP Group</u>	<u>Vacancy</u>
67 (by rounding)	4 (by rounding)	1 (by rounding)

- (iv) Apply proportions to each principal committee to give a provisional entitlement:-

Committee	No. of Seats	Conservative Group	UKIP Group	Vacancy
Overview and Scrutiny:				
1. Corporate	15	14	1	0
2. Community	15	14	1	0
Others:				
3. Licensing & Regulatory Committee	12	11	1	0
4. Joint Planning Committee	23	21	1	1
5. Audit	7	7		0
	<u>72</u>	<u>67</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>1</u>
Standards	6	6		

4. The Area Planning Committees are calculated differently because a separate proportionality calculation is made for each area. The calculations give a provisional entitlement to the UKIP Group of 2 places on Eastern Planning Committee and 1 place on Western Planning Committee.
5. As this is the last Council meeting of the current municipal year 2012-13, and in light of the forthcoming by-election, there are no proposals to amend the membership of the Committees to reflect political proportionality until the Annual Council Meeting on 14 May 2013, at which point the result of the by-election will also be known.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the principal and Area Planning Committees be reappointed with current memberships for the remainder of 2012/2013 and the Annual Council reappoints to Committees in accordance with political proportions after the by-election on 2 May 2013.

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