

WAVERLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING – 21 FEBRUARY 2017

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 below.
2. Following the sad death of Cllr Brian Ellis and the resulting by-election for the Cranleigh West Ward, Cllr Liz Townsend has been elected to the Council as a member of the Conservative Group. The Conservative and Farnham Residents Groups are both registered under the provisions of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989. There is one Independent Member of the Council.

The political breakdown of the Council is now:-

Conservative Group	Farnham Residents	Independent
51	5	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:-

Conservative Group	Farnham Residents	Independent
89.474 %	8.772 %	1.754 %

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

Conservative Group	Farnham Residents	Independent
64 (by rounding)	7 (by rounding)	1 (by rounding)

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

Committee	No. of Seats	Conservative Group	Farnham Residents	Independent
Overview and Scrutiny:				
1. Corporate	15	13	2	0
2. Community	15	13	1	1
Others:				
3. Licensing & Regulatory Committee	12	11	1	0
4. Joint Planning Committee	23	21	2	0
5. Audit	7	6	1	0
	<u>72</u>	<u>64</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>1</u>
Standards Panel	8 (+1)	8	1	

4. The additional seat for the Conservative Group resulting from the revised proportions after the by-election equates to the outstanding vacancy on the Joint Planning Committee. However, an appointment will not be made to the Committee until the Annual Council Meeting in May 2017 and the vacancy will continue for the remainder of the current Council year.
5. There are no other amendments to the principal Committees and therefore no need to reappoint them at this stage.

Eastern Area Planning Committee

6. As a result of the by-election, Councillor Liz Townsend will be appointed to fill the vacancy on the Eastern Area Planning Committee as the second councillor for Cranleigh West ward. NB. The Eastern Area Planning Committee consists of all ward councillors for the Eastern area. The membership of the Committee will then be as follows:-

Cllr Mike Band
 Cllr Maurice Byham (Vice-Chairman)
 Cllr Kevin Deanus
 Cllr Patricia Ellis
 Cllr David Else (Chairman)
 Cllr Mary Forszewski
 Cllr Michael Goodridge
 Cllr John Gray
 Cllr Val Henry
 Cllr Richard Seaborne
 Cllr Jeanette Stennett
 Cllr Stewart Stennett
 Cllr Liz Townsend

Recommendation

It is recommended that

- 1. the political proportions and allocation of seats to the principal Committees for the remainder of the current Council year be agreed, as set out at paragraph 3 above; and**
- 2. Cllr Liz Townsend be appointed to the Eastern Area Planning Committee with effect from 22 February 2017.**

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