

WELWYN HATFIELD BOROUGH COUNCIL
ANNUAL COUNCIL – 22 MAY 2023
REPORT OF THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR (LEGAL AND GOVERNANCE)

REVIEW OF POLITICAL PROPORTIONALITY

1 Executive Summary

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to review the political proportionality of Member appointments to Committees to take account of the Borough Council Election on 4 May 2023.

2 Recommendation

- 2.1 That the review of political proportionality of Member appointments to Committees be noted and the allocation of seats be as set out in the schedule to the report.

3 Explanation

- 3.1 It is necessary to review the political proportionality of Member appointments to Committees following the Borough Council election on 4 May 2023 and to reflect the results in the constitution of Committees.
- 3.2 The Council has a legal duty to secure the balance of the different political groups on the authority.
- 3.3 The nominations for Member appointments to Committees listed under agenda item 10c are in accordance with this review of political proportionality.

Implications

4 Legal Implication(s)

- 4.1 Section 15 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 and the Local Government (Committees and Political Groups) Regulations 1990 set out the Council's legal duty to reflect the overall political composition of the Council in the appointment of Members to Committees.

5 Financial Implication(s)

- 5.1 None

6 Risk Management Implications

- 6.1 None

7 Security and Terrorism Implication(s)

- 7.1 None

8 Procurement Implication(s)

- 8.1 None

9 Climate Change Implication(s)

- 9.1 None

10 Human Resources Implication(s)

10.1 None

11 Health and Wellbeing Implication(s)

11.1 None

12 Communication and Engagement Implication(s)

12.1 None.

13 Link to Corporate Priorities

13.1 The subject of this report is linked to a statutory requirement under the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 and Regulations.

14 Equality and Diversity

14.1 An Equality Impact Assessment (EIA) has not been carried out in connection with the proposals that are set out in this report.

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