

Membership of Council Committees, Chairmanship and Vice-Chairmanships and Representatives on Outside Organisations.

Recommendations:

- (1) To note one member of the Council has not signed the Notice of Constitution of the Conservative Group under the Local Government and Housing Act 1989;**
- (2) To note that the decisions of the Council at the Annual meeting in May 2010 was based on a Conservative Group total of 37 Councillors but that the number of members on the notice is 36;**
- (3) To note that this difference in membership requires that pro rata allocations should be reviewed under the Act;**
- (4) To note that the revised calculation of pro rata, based on 36 Conservative Councillors results in the following:**
 - (a) Aggregated Committees - no change from existing Conservative entitlement of 33 seats;**
 - (b) Other Committees - no change from total entitlement for the Conservative Group on 22 seats;**
 - (c) Chairmanships/Vice-Chairmanships (Non Statutory Pro Rata) - no change in current entitlement of 13 Chairmanships and 6 Vice-Chairmanships for the Conservative Group;**
 - (d) Outside Bodies Representatives (Non Local) - alteration in overall entitlement as follows:**

Entitlement:

Con: 13 LRA: 4 LD: 3 Unallocated: 1

but actual allocations are as follows:

Con: 15 LRA: 1 LD: 2 Ind: 2 Vacant: 1

which indicates a review to achieve the following:

**Conservatives to lose 2 places
Independents to lose 2 places**

**LRA to gain 3 seats
LD to gain 1 seat**

(e) Outside Bodies - Deputies - alteration in overall entitlement as follows:

Present Entitlement	Con: 3	LRA: 1	
Revised Entitlement	Con: 2	LRA: 1	Unallocated: 1
Actual Allocations	Con: 4	LRA: 0	

which indicates a review to achieve the following:

Conservatives lose 2 deputies
LRA gain 1 deputy
Unallocated 1 deputy

(5) To carry out a review of outside organisations representatives and deputies in accordance with paragraphs 4(d) and 4(e) respectively.

1. (Deputy Monitoring Officer) One Councillor has not signed the statutory notice regarding membership of the Conservative Group. This triggers a review of the pro rata arrangements approved by the Council on the basis of 37 Conservative Councillors constituting that Group.
2. The effect of one less member of the Conservative Group is marginal, only affecting the allocation of deputy representatives on outside organisations. Here, the Conservative allocation reduces from 3 seats to 2 from a total of 5. On the revised calculation the Conservative and Liberal Democrats have equal entitlement to the place which must be allocated.
3. The Council is asked to undertake the review and determine the re-allocation of one representative on outside organisations and deputies as indicated in recommendations 4(d) and (e) above.

Background Paper: Notice of Constitution of the Conservative Group.