

COUNTY COUNCIL – 9 JULY 2013

COMMITTEES AND REVIEW OF POLITICAL BALANCE

Report by the County Solicitor & Monitoring Officer

1. At its meeting on 15 May 2013 the Council reviewed and agreed the political balance on committees and appointed members to the committees.

Unfortunately an error occurred in the final stage of working through the political balance and appointments to Committees. The Conservative Independent Alliance has a majority of seats on the Council and as the majority group they are entitled to a majority of seats on all Committees as required under Section 15 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989.

2. This was reflected on the Education Scrutiny Committee but was not picked up for the following four Committees. Additional places should have been allocated to the Conservative Independent Alliance as shown below.

Pension Fund Committee – 2 places
Remuneration Committee – 1 place
Performance Scrutiny Committee – 1 place
Teachers Joint Consultative Committee – 1 place

These are additional places and do not affect the initial calculation of the political balance as agreed at the meeting on 15 May 2013.

3. The political balance agreed at the meeting on 15 May 2013 is attached at Annex 1 and the necessary additional seats are shown in ***bold italic***.
4. To correct the error Cllr Hudspeth as Group Leader has nominated additional members which are highlighted in bold on the **attached** Annex 2. This does not affect the overall political balance agreed at the meeting on 15 May 2013 as these seats are a direct result of that agreement.

RECOMMENDATIONS

5. **The Council is RECOMMENDED to:**
 - (a) **confirm the political balance on committees shown in Annex 1 to the report;**
 - (b) **approve the membership of Committee shown in Annex 2, subject to any changes reported at the meeting.**

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Background Papers: Nil

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