



COUNCIL - 25 FEBRUARY 2002

REPRESENTATION ON THE COUNCIL AND ON COMMITTEES

1. Regulation 17 of the Local Government (Committees and Political Groups) Regulations 1990 requires the Council to review the allocation of seats to political groups where notice has been given of a member(s) joining a political group or groups. Following the by-elections on 21 February, Councillors Mrs Ford and Pemberton have indicated that they will join the Conservative Group, and Cllr Hickman will join the Liberal Democrat Group.

2. The membership of each group represented on the Council is now:

Conservative	32
Liberal Democrat	23
Independent	3

This represents an increase of one in the Liberal Democrat Group's, and a loss of one in the Conservative Group's, membership.

3. The consequence of the loss of one member to the Conservative Group is that the Independent Group must surrender two of its seven Committee/Panel places to the Liberal Democrat Group. The Independent Group has agreed to give up places on the Appeals Committee and the Environment Review Panel. The Liberal Democrat Group is happy to accept those places.
4. The Liberal Democrat Group has nominated Councillor Hickman to the Appeals Committee and the Environment Review Panel.

RECOMMENDED:

- (a) That the places on the Appeals Committee and the Environment Review Panel allocated to the Independent Group be allocated to the Liberal Democrat Group;
- (b) That Councillor Hickman be appointed to the Appeals Committee and to the Environment Review Panel.

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Background Papers:

None

