

COUNCIL – 13 DECEMBER 2010

## ALLOCATION OF SEATS TO POLITICAL GROUPS AND FILLING OF VACANCIES ON COMMITTEES

1. In accordance with the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 and regulations made thereunder, the Council must, amongst other things, review the representation of political groups on Committees and Panels when a notice is delivered to the proper officer of the authority (the Chief Executive) advising of a member's wish to join a political group, when such notice is accompanied by a notice requesting a review of the allocation of seats to political groups.
2. Cllr M P Reid has given notice that he has resigned from the Conservative Group and has joined the Liberal Democrat Group, and has requested a review of the allocation of seats on Committees and Panels. The effect of this is that the Conservative Group should give up two places to the Liberal Democrat Group.
3. There is a vacancy on the Council caused by the death of Cllr Alan Shotter. The proportionality on the Council is now:

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| Conservative     | 44 |
| Liberal Democrat | 15 |

4. It has been agreed between the Leaders of the Conservative and Liberal Democrat Groups that the Conservative Group will give up places on the Planning Development Control Committee and the Leisure, Culture & Youth Matters Review Panel. Remaining vacancies caused by the death of Cllr Shotter will be filled by the Conservative Group, as set out below.
5. **RECOMMENDED:**

That the following changes be made to the membership of Committees and Panels:

| Committee/Panel                               | Change   |
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| Appeals Committee                             | Cllr Pemberton in place of Cllr Shotter        |
| General Purposes & Licensing Committee        | Cllr Mrs Wyeth in place of Cllr Shotter        |
| Leisure, Culture & Youth Matters Review Panel | Cllr C J Harrison in place of Cllr Mrs Snowden |
| Planning Development Control Committee        | Cllr Reid in place of Cllr Shotter             |

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### Background Papers:

Published documents