

# AGENDA ITEM 13 - Update

## ANNUAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

21 MAY 2015

### UPDATE TO REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

#### ALLOCATION OF SEATS ON COMMITTEES AND SUB COMMITTEES, COMMITTEE SPOKESPERSONS AND CONSULTees, MEMBERSHIP OF FORUMS, PARTNERSHIPS, WORKING GROUPS, OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS, APPOINTMENT OF LEAD MEMBERS AND CONSTITUTION OF LEISURE VISION WORKING GROUP

1. Following formal notification from the Independent Councillors that they form a group of 2 on 18 May 2015, there is a small change to political balance which does not impact on the overall figures previously supplied in the report (Agenda Item 13). The joining up of Independent Cllr 1 and Independent Cllr 2 to form a group of 2, means that the total number of 6 seats allocated to the 2 Councillors remains the same. The group's nominations to Committees and other appointments are set out in the revised Appendices A-F.
2. The Conservative Group's nominations to Committees and other appointments are set out in the revised Appendices A-F.
3. The same position applies over single party Committees as set out in the report, in that the legislation advises that where a large group occupies all but one or two seats on the Council, the first rule prohibiting single party Committees takes precedence, and the Council must make one place available for the other group on each politically balanced Committee/Sub Committee. This means that even though the political balance calculations allow the Independent Group 4 places on Committees, there is a requirement to make a seat available on each Committee which means the Independent Group would be allocated 6 seats (2 more than in the table at paragraph 4 below and there would then be 51 seats available for the Conservative Group (2 less than in the table at paragraph 4 below).
4. The following table shows the latest arrangements and the number of Councillors in each political group, the percentage of representation required within the Council and the allocation of seats over the 6 Committees that are required to be politically balanced :-

Group	No. of Councillors	Percentage	Allocation of Seats over 6 Committees
Conservative	26	92.86%	53.01 = 53
Independent Group	2	7.14%	3.99 = 4
<b>Totals</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>57 seats</b>

5. The following table shows the latest allocation of seats on Committees :-

2015-16	APP	CSA	GOV	PFA	PLNG	REEA	TOTAL
Conservative	4 (4.64%)	9 (9.28%)	9 (9.28%)	9 (9.28%)	10 (10.21%)	10 (10.21%)	<b>51</b>
Independent	1 (0.36%)	1 (0.71%)	1 (0.71%)	1 (0.71%)	1 (0.79%)	1 (0.79%)	<b>6</b>
<b>Totals</b>	<b>5</b> ✓	<b>10</b> ✓	<b>10</b> ✓	<b>10</b> ✓	<b>11</b> ✓	<b>11</b> ✓	<b>57</b>

6. The following table show the latest allocation of seats on Sub Committees 1 and 2 :-

<b>2015-16</b>	<b>Governance Sub Cttees 1 &amp; 2</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
Conservative	4.64%	<b>4</b>
Independent	0.36%	<b>1</b>
<b>Totals</b>		<b>5</b>

7. With regard to the politically balanced working groups, the latest allocation of seats is shown in the table below. The proposals for membership to these seats are set out within the revised Appendix C.

<b>2015-16</b>	<b>Budget &amp; Strategic Planning (6)</b>	<b>Cattle Market (8)</b>	<b>Joint Staff (7)</b>	<b>Melton Local Plan (9)</b>	<b>Tenant Consultative (6)</b>
Conservative	5	7	6	8	5
Independent	1	1	1	1	1
<b>Totals</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>6</b>

8. With regard to the constitution of the Leisure Vision Working Group, this has been renamed the Sports, Leisure and Culture Working Group and is to be made up of 9 Members, 8 Conservative and 1 Independent. The proposals for membership to these seats are set out within the revised Appendix F.

9. The recommendations in the report are the same numbering with the following changes which are included within the recommendations in the Order Paper :-

- the revised Appendices A-F recently re-circulated
- the two Independent Councillors now be known as the Independent Group
- the tables above to replace those in the report as applicable
- where there is reference to a singular Group/Group Leader, this becomes plural
- the Leisure Vision Working Group to be named the Sports, Leisure and Culture Working Group
- an Arts and Heritage Lead Member and Equalities Lead Member have been added to the Lead Members at Appendix E