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Additional Papers

Agenda item no. 8 - Political Balance

Agenda item no. 11 – Policy and budget framework
recommendations from Licensing & Environmental
Committee, 06-12-2021:

(e) Review of Fees and Charges for the Council's Licensing
and Regulatory Services Function 2022/23

(f) Review of the Gambling Act 2005 Revised Statement of
Principles Consultation Results

6pm
Wednesday, 8 December 2021
Council Chamber
Wyre Forest House
Finepoint Way
Kidderminster



WYRE FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL

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8th DECEMBER 2021

Political Balance

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CABINET MEMBER:	The Leader of the Council
DIRECTOR:	Solicitor to the Council
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APPENDICES:	Appendix 1: revised table of political balance

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

To approve the revised table of political balance.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 The Council is asked to approve the revised table of political balance in Appendix 1.

3. BACKGROUND

3.1 Council is responsible for establishing the political structures which are not the responsibility of the Leader and Cabinet.

3.2 Following the by-election in Franche & Habberley North on 30 November, there has been a change in political balance, and it is necessary for the Council to approve a revised table of political balance.

4. KEY ISSUES

4.1 There has been a change to political balance as a result of the by-election. In line with the legislation, only political groups are entitled to an allocation of seats on committees. The revised table of political balance is set out in Appendix 1 for Council's approval. The Solicitor to the Council will liaise with groups as necessary to fill any appointments to committees in light of the change in political balance.

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

5.1 There are no financial implications arising from this report.

6. LEGAL AND POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 Overall, membership of committees will continue to comply with political balance in accordance with the Local Government and Housing Act 1989.

7. EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

- 7.1 An equality impact assessment has not been undertaken as the report relates to appointments to be made by full Council.

8. RISK MANAGEMENT

- 8.1 Appropriate arrangements will be made to provide training and support for the members appointed to the roles to ensure that they can perform effectively.

9. CONCLUSION

- 9.1 Council is invited to approve the revised table of political balance.

10. CONSULTEES

- 10.1 Corporate Leadership Team

11. BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 11.1 Local Government Act 2000, Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007, Local Government and Housing Act 1989.

		Conservative		Labour		Health Concern		Independent		Lib Dem		Total
No. of Cllrs.			13		2		11		4		3	33
Percentage			39.39%		6.06%		33.33%		12.12%		9.09%	100.00%
Executive Cttees												
	Membership											
Appts & Appeals	5	2	1.97	0	0.30	2	1.67	1	0.61	0	0.45	5
Audit cttee	8	3	3.15	0	0.48	3	2.67	1	0.97	1	0.73	8
Ethics & standards *	6	2	2.36	0	0.36	2	2.00	1	0.73	1	0.55	6
Scrutiny												
Scrutiny Committee	11	4	4.33	1	0.67	4	3.67	1	1.33	1	1.00	11
Regulatory												
Planning	12	5	4.73	1	0.73	4	4.00	1	1.45	1	1.09	12
Lic & Env	12	5	4.73	1	0.73	4	4.00	1	1.45	1	1.09	12
Total	54	21	21.27	3	3.27	19	18.00	6	6.55	5	4.91	54
Percentage		38.89%		5.56%		35.19%		11.11%		9.26%		100.00%
Difference between % No. of Cllrs. And % Number of Seats		-0.51%		-0.51%		1.85%		-1.01%		0.17%		

* the table shows only district councillor members

1. Each member is required to notify the Proper Officer which political group, if any, he or she wishes to be identified with. A group comprises of two or more members.
2. Each Group Secretary is required to notify the Proper Officer which members of his or her groups he/she wishes to sit on each relevant committee or sub-committee.
3. The allocation of seats required the rounding up or down of calculated figures to give whole numbers.
4. Single party representatives and independent members (who do not form part of a political group) are not legally entitled to seats on committees to which the rules of proportionality apply.

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<p>Review of Fees and Charges for the Council's Licensing and Regulatory Services Function 2022/23</p> <p>The Licensing and Environment Committee RECOMMEND to Council that:</p> <p>The proposals for fees and charges within the Council's Licensing, Food, Health, Safety and Pollution Control functions for 2022/23, as detailed in the report, be included in the Council's 2022/23 budget strategy.</p>	<p>Councillor P Dyke</p>

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