



**Report to: Annual Council, 17<sup>th</sup> May 2022**

**Report of: Monitoring Officer**

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**Subject: POLITICAL BALANCE ON COMMITTEES AND SUB-COMMITTEES  
2022/23**

**1. Recommendation**

**1.1 That the Council agree the allocation of seats between Political Groups for the Municipal Year 2022/23.**

**2. Background**

2.1 As a result of the City Council Elections which were held on 5<sup>th</sup> May 2022, the number of seats held on the Council is currently:

Conservative                      15

Labour                                12

Green                                 6

Liberal Democrats                2

2.2 The City Council has a duty to review the allocation of seats to Political Groups at its Annual Council meeting. A political group, as defined in the Local Government (Committees and Political Groups) Regulations 1990, must contain at least two Members. The Council has four Political Groups.

2.3 Under the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 the Council must adhere to the following principles when allocating seats to Political Groups:

- (a) that not all the seats on the body are allocated to the same Political Group;
- (b) that the majority of the seats on the body is allocated to a particular Political Group if the number of persons belonging to that group is a majority of the Council's membership;
- (c) that subject to the above two principles, the number of seats on the total of all the committees of the Council allocated to each Political Group bears the same proportion to the proportion on the Full Council; and
- (d) that subject to the above three principles, the number of seats on each committee of the Council allocated to each Political Group bears the same proportion to the proportion on the Full Council.

2.4 Therefore, under the Local Government and Housing Act 1989, this means that the four Political Groups - Conservative, Labour, Green and Liberal Democrats - are entitled to the following proportion of the overall number of committee places on the politically balanced committees, and as far as is practicable the same proportion of committee places on each committee:-

Conservative	42.9%
Labour	34.3%
Green	17.1%
Liberal Democrats	5.7%

2.5 Group Leaders have been consulted on the proposal at **Appendix 1**. (To follow)

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