

COUNCIL MEETING, 28 SEPTEMBER 2023

REPORT OF THE
Chief Executive
PART I

1. PROPORTIONALITY AND APPOINTMENTS

- 1.1 This report concerns various matters relating to political proportionality and appointments, which require the approval of the County Council as detailed below.

2. POLITICAL PROPORTIONALITY

- 2.1 Part 1 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 requires the County Council to review the proportionality of its committees each year at its Annual Meeting and at such times as the political composition of the County Council changes. The political composition changed on 6 September 2023 resulting in a reduction to the number of Independent Group Members and an increase to the number of Liberal Democrat Group Members. The position is set out below:

Conservative	53
Liberal Democrat	18
Labour	3
Independent Group	2
Whitehill & Bordon Community Party	1
Unaffiliated	1
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NB: In accordance with the Local Government (Committees and Political Groups) Regulations 1990, two Independent Members and the Whitehill & Bordon Community Party Member have formed a political group on the County Council known as the Independent Group. Councillor Andy Tree is the Leader of the Group and Councillor Louise Parker-Jones is the Deputy Leader of the Group.

- 2.2 In accordance with Standing Order 24.5 the County Council is asked to review the existing proportionality arrangements and make any changes as appropriate. The draft Proportionality Table for consideration is attached at Appendix 1 and details the changes to the seats allocated to each political group across the range of committees, advisory panels and other proportionate bodies.
- 2.3 As a result of the proportionality proposals, a number of membership changes are proposed below.

3. APPOINTMENTS

3.1 Changes as a result of the review of proportionality:

- a) That Councillor Andy Tree replace Councillor Prad Bains on the Children and Young People Select Committee and becomes the Independent Group Spokesperson.
- b) That Councillor Louise Parker-Jones replace Councillor Prad Bains on the Children and Families Advisory Panel.
- c) That Councillor Sarah Pankhurst replace Councillor Prad Bains on the Education Advisory Panel.
- d) That Councillor Prad Bains replace Councillor Tim Davies on the Hampshire 2050 and Corporate Services and Resources Select Committee
- e) That Councillor Pam Bryant replace Councillor Andy Tree on the Conduct Advisory Panel
- f) That Councillor Rupert Kyrle replace Councillor Sarah Pankhurst on the River Hamble Harbour Management Committee, and Councillor Wayne Irish replace Councillor Rupert Kyrle as a Liberal Democrat Substitute Member.
- g) That Councillor Keith Mans replace Councillor Louise Parker-Jones on the New Forest National Park Authority.

3.2 Other membership changes:

- h) That Councillor Prad Bains replace Councillor Gavin James on the Children and Young People Select Committee.
- i) That Councillor Prad Bains replace Councillor Wayne Irish on the Children and Families Advisory Panel, and Councillor Wayne Irish replace Councillor Tim Groves as a Liberal Democrat Substitute Member.
- j) Hampshire Pension Fund Panel and Board
 - That Councillor David Harrison replace Councillor Mark Cooper on the Hampshire Pension Fund Panel and Board.
 - That Councillor Simon Letts (Southampton City Council) be appointed as the Unitary Council Co-opted Employer Representative to the Hampshire Pension Fund Panel and Board.

NB: In accordance with the Appointments Policy for the Hampshire Pension Fund Panel and Board, the respective representatives from Southampton and Portsmouth City Councils rotate between being a main Co-opted Member and a Co-opted Substitute Member on an annual basis.

- That Phillip Reynolds be appointed as the Pensioner Representative and Paul Barber as the Substitute Scheme Member Representative to the Hampshire Pension Fund Panel and Board.
- k) That Gordon Craigen replace Andy Valentine as the co-opted member on the River Hamble Harbour Management Committee representing the Association of River Hamble Yacht Clubs.
- l) That Nicola Walsh replace Chris Moody as the Marine Industry co-opted member on the River Hamble Harbour Board.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the County Council approve the draft Proportionality Table (Appendix 1) and the appointments set out above.

APPENDIX 1: County Council Proportionality (DRAFT) - 28 September 2023

		Conservative	Liberal Democrat	Labour	Independent	Unaffiliated
Members:	78	53	18	3	3	1
A: Council Committees and Panels						
Select Committees	seats					
Hampshire 2050	17	11	4	1	1	
Children and Young People	17	11	4	1	1	
Universal Services	17	11	4	1	1	
Health & Adult Social Care	17	11	4	1	1	
Joint Health O&S Committee	7	5	2	0	0	
Other Committees/Panels						
Audit Committee	9	7	2	0	0	
Employment in HCC Committee	8	6	2	0	0	
Pension Fund Panel & Board	9	6	2	1	0	
Regulatory Committee	16	11	3	1	1	
Advisory Committees/Panels						
Children and Families Adv Panel	9	6	2	0	1	
Conduct Advisory Panel	10	7	2	1	0	
Corporate Parenting Board	9	6	2	0	0	1
Education Advisory Panel	9	6	2	0	1	
SACRE	4	3	1	0	0	
River Hamble Harbour Authority						
River Hamble Harbour Board	3	2	1	0	0	
River Hamble Harbour MC	10	7	2	0	0	1
A: Total	171	116	39	7	7	2
Mathematical entitlement		116.19	39.46	6.58	6.58	2.19
Rounded mathematical entitlement		116	39	7	7	2
Surplus/deficit		0	0	0	0	0
B: Other Proportionate Bodies						
Chichester Harbour Conservancy	4	3	1	0	0	0
H&IOW Fire and Rescue Authority	8	6	2	0	0	0
New Forest National Park Authority	5	4	1	0	0	0
B: Total	17	13	4	0	0	0
C: Overall total seats	188	129	43	7	7	2
Mathematical entitlement		127.74	43.38	7.23	7.23	2.41
Overall rounded mathematical entitlement		128	43	7	7	2
Surplus/deficit		1	0	0	0	0

Rounding up/down = +/- 0.50

Lose a seat

Gain a seat