

Taunton Deane Borough Council

Corporate Governance Committee - 24 June 2013

Review of the size of Committees

Joint report of the Legal and Democratic Services Manager and Councillor Bryan Denington (Chairman of the Constitutional Sub-Committee)

(This matter is the responsibility of the Leader of the Council)

1. Executive summary

To approve the changes to the size of the various Committees following a review in light of the change of administration.

2. Background

- 2.1 Following one Member of the Conservative Group moving to become an Independent Councillor in May 2013 and the changes to the Standards Committee now being a politically balanced Committee, a review of the size of Committees was deemed appropriate.
- 2.2 Sections 15 and 16 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 provides a duty on authorities to review the proportionality to ensure that it reflects the political make up of the Council.
- 2.3 The matter was discussed at the Constitutional Sub-Committee on the 4 June 2013 and the proposed changes agreed by that Committee are outlined in Appendix 1.

3. Finance comments

- 3.1 There are no financial implications in this report.

4. Legal comments

- 4.1 There are no legal implications other than those already mentioned in this report.

5. Links to Corporate Aims

- 5.1 There are no specific links to the corporate aims.

6. Environmental and community safety implications

- 6.1 There are no implications for the environment or community safety.

7. Equalities impact

- 7.1 An impact assessment is not required in respect of this report.

8. Risk management

8.1 There are no risks attached to this report.

9. Recommendations

9.1 To recommend to Full Council that the changes to the size of the various Committees as detailed in Appendix 1 to this report be approved.

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Review of the size of Committees – Appendix 1

Executive Members:-

- Councillor Williams – Leader of the Council
- Councillor Edwards – Deputy Leader – (Planning and Transportation and Communications)
- Councillor Mrs Adkins (Housing Services)
- Councillor Cavill (Economic Development, Asset Management, Tourism and the Arts)
- Councillor Hayward (Environmental Services and Climate Change)
- Councillor Mrs Herbert (Sports, Parks and Leisure)
- Councillor Mrs Stock-Williams (Corporate Resources)
- Councillor Mrs Warmington – (Community Leadership)

Political make up

Conservatives	27	48.2%
Liberal Democrats	23	41.1%
Independents	3	5.4%
Labour	3	5.4%
	56	100%

Committee	Conservatives	Lib Dems	Independent	Labour
Community Scrutiny	7	6	1	1
Corporate Governance	7	6	1	1
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Licensing	7	6	1	1
Planning	7	6	1	1
Standards	2	2	1	
	37	32	6	5

Chairs

Conservatives 4

Liberal Democrats 2

Vice Chairs will be selected by their respective committees.