

Wiltshire Council

Full Council

9 July 2019

Appointment of Committees

Purpose

1. To update the Council on the outcome of the by-election for Trowbridge Drynham Division to be held on 4 July.

Legal Position

2. Under the Local Government & Housing Act 1989 (“the Act”) and subsequent Regulations, (“the Regulations”), the Council must review the representation of the different political groups on committees when requested to do so by a leader of a political group where changes have occurred in the size of political groups.
3. The impact on political groups and political proportionality will be reported to Council following the byelection on 4 July 2019.
4. The current strength of political groups is:

Name of Group	Number of councillors
Conservative	66*
Liberal Democrat	20*
Independent	9
Labour	3

**Vacancies for Trowbridge Drynham and Westbury North divisions.*

5. The impact of the Westbury North Byelection (18 July) will be considered by Council at its October meeting.

Matters for Decision

6. The Council is asked to:
 - a) Note this report and the legal requirements;

b) In accordance with paragraph 4.4 of Part 3 of the Constitution (Responsibilities for Functions) to appoint the councillor elected to Trowbridge Drynham division to the Trowbridge Area Board.

c) Consider representation of different political groups on committees if required upon the outcome of the byelection.

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Background papers: None

Appendices

Appendix 1 – Report on the by-election result (*to follow*)