

Wiltshire Council

Council

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Review of Allocation of Seats on Committees to Political Groups

Introduction

1. Following the by-election in the Bromham, Rowde and Potterne Electoral division on 21 December 2010, Councillor Elizabeth-Anne Bryant (Conservative) has been elected to the Council. The political balance of the Council therefore remains unchanged and a review of the allocation of seats on committees to political groups in accordance with Section 15 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 is therefore not required.

Political Groups

2. Following the by-election there are five political groups and their respective strengths are now as follows:-

<u>Name of Group</u>	<u>No. of Councillors in Group</u>
Conservative	61
Liberal Democrat	24
Labour	2
Independent	8
Devizes Guardians	3

Committee Places

3. Councillor Bryant is automatically entitled to a place on the Devizes Area Board and the Head of Democratic Services has exercised his delegated powers to process this appointment.

Membership of Committees

4. As is normal, Group Leaders will be given the opportunity through this report to make any requests for changes to their committee memberships in accordance with the allocation of seats previously approved by the Council. The Council is then under a duty to make those changes. It is a legal requirement that the Council formally approves the appointment of councillors to committees.

Matters for Decision

5. The Council is asked:
- (i) To note this report.
 - (ii) To confirm the appointment of Cllr Bryant who was elected to the Bromham, Rowde and Potterne Electoral division, to the Devizes Area Board.
 - (iii) To approve any consequential changes to the appointment of councillors to committees to serve until the next occasion membership is reviewed under the provisions of the Local Government & Housing Act 1989.

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Environmental impact of the recommendations contained in this report: NONE