

KENNET DISTRICT COUNCIL

COUNCIL - 20th December, 2005

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT HOUSING ACT 1989 -
REVIEW OF POLITICAL BALANCE**

Report by Maria Memoli - Solicitor to the Council

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 To amend the political balance as a result of the change in numbers of the Conservative and Liberal Democrat Groups.

2. LEGAL, FINANCIAL AND STAFFING IMPLICATIONS

2.1 There are no legal, financial and staffing implications.

3. RISK IMPLICATIONS

3.1 There are no risk implications for the Council.

4. INTRODUCTION

4.1 Having regard to the relevant legislation, the Council is required to carry out a review of political balance as a consequence of the recent changes in the political balance.

4.2 This report sets out the relevant issues to assist the Council.

4.3 Attached is a revised calculation of the overall seat allocation for committees. This shows a decrease in allocation of two seats for the Liberal Democrat Group and a consequent increase of two seats for the Conservative Group.

4.4 The new member of the Conservative Group currently occupies a seat on the Community Development Executive Committee and on the Licensing committee. Both of these seats were formerly Liberal Democrat Group nominations.

RECOMMENDED

THAT:

The Liberal Democrat Group seats on the Community Development Executive Committee and the Licensing Committee be allocated to the Conservative Group.

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