

**REVIEW OF POLITICAL PROPORTIONALITY****Report of the Chief Executive**

1. At its AGM in May 2018, the Council reviewed the proportional political allocation of places on committees and adopted a scheme of proportionality for the Council year 2018/19.
2. By law, seats on committees must be allocated in proportion to the political composition of the Council. Following the by-election on 6 December, the political composition of the Council has changed. As a result, the Chairman has given permission for this item to be added to the agenda as a matter of urgency.
3. The number of seats of each group on the Council and the resulting percentages are now as follows:

Conservative	Surrey Opposition Forum	Residents' Association & Independent	Other*
60	10	10	1
74.07%	12.35%	12.35%	1.23%

\* The Local Government (Committees and Political Groups) Regulations 1990 require a constituted political group to be two or more members.

4. In determining the allocation of seats on ordinary committees, the proportion that each political group forms of the total membership of the Council is applied to the total number of elected Member seats on each committee. Generally, fractional entitlements of less than one half are rounded down and entitlements of one half or more are rounded up. So that this process of rounding does not result in advantage to one political group, the aggregate membership of all the ordinary committees must also be in line with the proportions on the County Council.
5. A scheme of proportionality for the remainder of the Council year 2018/19 is attached at Annex 1. Members are reminded that an authority can only decide that it wishes to adopt an arrangement other than a proportional one if no Member votes against it.

**RECOMMENDATION**

That the committee sizes and scheme of proportionality as set out in Annex 1 be adopted for the remainder of the Council year 2018/19.

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## SCHEME OF PROPORTIONALITY 2018/19

	CON	Surrey Opp Forum	RA & IND	Other	Total
SELECT COMMITTEES					
Corporate Overview	7	1	1	1	10
Adults & Lifelong Learning	8	1	1	0	10
Children & Education	8	1	1	0	10*
Environment	7	1	2	0	10
Health Integration & Commissioning	8	1	1	0	10*
Highways & Growth	8	1	1	0	10
PLANNING & REGULATORY COMMITTEE	8	2	1	0	11
AUDIT & GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE	4	1	1	0	6
PEOPLE, PERFORMANCE & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE	4	1	1	0	6
SURREY PENSION FUND COMMITTEE	4	1	1	0	6*
<b>TOTAL</b>	66	11	11	1	89

\* additional co-opted members are appointed to this committee