

ANNUAL REVIEW OF POLITICAL PROPORTIONALITY – 2021/22**Report of the Chief Executive**

1. The Council is asked to formally review the proportional political allocation of places on committees and to adopt a scheme of proportionality for the Council year 2021/22.
2. The Local Government and Housing Act 1989 requires local authorities to review committee membership and political representation annually.
3. By law, seats on committees must be allocated in proportion to the political composition of the Council. An authority can only decide that it wishes to adopt an arrangement other than a proportional one if no Member votes against it.
4. The number of seats of each group on the Council and the resulting number of seats on committees and percentages are as follows:

	Conservative	Residents' Association & Independent	Liberal Democrats	Labour	Green
Number of Council seats	47	16	14	2	2
Number of seats on committees	53	18	16	2	2
Percentage	52.80%	17.98%	15.73%	2.25%	2.25%

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

5. 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.
6. It is proposed that the number of seats on each of the four select committees is increased by one seat from 12 seats to 13 seats (please note that there are additional co-optee members on the Adults and Health Select Committee and the Children, Families, Life-long Learning and Culture Select Committee and these have been included in the seat allocations.
7. With that in mind, a scheme of proportionality for 2021/22 is attached at Annex 1.

RESOLVED (with no Members voting Against):

That the committee sizes and scheme of proportionality as set out in Annex 1 be adopted for 2021/22.

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BACKGROUND PAPERS:

Local Government and Housing Act 1989
Proportional Representation Table
Constitution of the Council

SCHEME OF PROPORTIONALITY 2021/22

	CON	RA & IND	LIB DEM	LAB	GREEN	Total	Figs last year^
SELECT COMMITTEES							
Adults & Health	7	3	2	1	0	13*	12
Children, Families, Lifelong Learning & Culture	7	3	2	0	1	13*	12
Communities, Environment & Highways	7	3	2	0	1	13	12
Resources & Performance	7	2	3	1	0	13	12
PLANNING & REGULATORY COMMITTEE	7	2	2	0	0	11	11
AUDIT & GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE	4	1	1	0	0	6	6
PEOPLE, PERFORMANCE & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE	4	1	1	0	0	6	6
SURREY PENSION FUND COMMITTEE	4	1	1	0	0	6*	6
						81	77
MEMBER CONDUCT PANEL	6	2	2	0	0	10	10
TOTAL	53	18	16	2	2	91	87

* additional co-opted members are appointed to this committee
 ^ figures given for similar committee, where possible

Note: Local and Joint Area Committees comprise the County Councillors for the electoral divisions within each Borough/District area and are not therefore required to be politically proportional.

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