

**Appointments to Committees, Outside Bodies Etc**

Report of the Monitoring Officer

Councillors Riley, Mrs Bridgeman and Storer notified the Chief Executive and monitoring officer on the 11 September 2017 that they had resigned membership of the United Kingdom Independence Party and had joined the Conservative Party.

In line with the principles of political balance a review of political proportionality had been carried out in the impact of the change is set out below.

<b>Committee</b>	<b>Lab Seats</b>	<b>Con Seats</b>	<b>Total</b>
Planning	6	7	13
Taxi Licensing	3	4	7
Licensing	7	8	15
Chief Officer Appointments Panel	3	4	7
Chief Officer Appeals Panel	3	4	7
Chief Officer Disciplinary Panels	3	4	7
Audit	2	3	5
Tamar Bridge and Torpoint Ferry	2	3	5
Devon and Cornwall Police and Crime Panel	1	1	2
Place and Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee	5	6	11
Wellbeing Overview and Scrutiny Committee	5	6	11
<b>Totals</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>90</b>

*(See overleaf for proportionality calculations)*

**Other Committees**

Devon Audit Partnership (not proportional)	0	2	2
Joint Health Scrutiny (not proportional)	1	2	3
Health and Wellbeing Board (not proportional)	1	2	3

**Note:**

The Devon Audit Partnership, the Joint Health Scrutiny Committee and the Health and Wellbeing Board do not fall under the statutory rules and have not, therefore, been included in the political balance calculations.

**POLITICAL BALANCE ON COMMITTEES SEPTEMBER 2017/18**

Party	Members	% representation	Seats (proportional)	Allocated seats
Labour	27	47.36%	43 (42.62%)	40
Conservative	30	52.63%	47 (47.36%)	50
Totals	57	100%	90	90

**So far as is reasonably practicable, political proportionality has been achieved.**

**The principles of the allocation of seats to political groups:**

Section 15 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 and the Local Government (Committees and Political Groups) Regulations: the City Council has a duty to review the representation of different political groups at its Annual Meeting in respect of bodies to which the section applies. Section 15 provides that, in performing this duty, the council has a duty to make only such determinations as give effect so far as reasonably practicable to the following principles:

- (a) that not all the seats on committees are allocated to the same political group;
- (b) that the majority of the seats on each committee are allocated to a particular political group if the number of persons belonging to that group are a majority of the authority's membership;
- (c) subject to (a) and (b), that the number of seats on committees which are allocated to each group bears the same proportion to the total of all the seats on committees of the council as is borne by the number of members of that group to the membership of the authority, and
- (d) Subject to (a) to (c) above, that the number of seats on each committee which are allocated to each political group bears the same proportion to the number of all the seats on that committee as is borne by the number of members of that group to the membership of the authority.

The application of those principles is set out below.

**Principle (a) – The seats will be allocated amongst the Labour and Conservative groups.**

**Principle (b) – The majority of seats will be allocated to the Conservative group.**

**Principle (c) The allocation of seats on all committees is based on the group's percentage of total Council membership is as set out above.**

**Principle (d) Subject to (a) to (c), each group has the same proportion of seats on each committee as it holds on the Council as a whole.**

The City Council is asked to not the following changes to committee nominations notified to the Council Monitoring Officer –

<b>Committee</b>	<b>Previous Member</b>	<b>New Member</b>
Chief Officers Appointments Panel	Councillor Penberthy	Councillor Carson
Chief Officers Disciplinary Panel	Councillor McDonald	Councillor Carson
Taxi Licensing Committee	Councillor Singh	Vacancy
Planning Committee	Councillor Cook	Vacancy