

# RIBBLE VALLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL REPORT TO COUNCIL

Agenda Item No: 7

meeting date: TUESDAY, 16 OCTOBER 2018  
title: REVIEW OF POLITICAL BALANCE FOR MUNICIPAL YEAR 2018/2019 ARISING FROM  
THE RESIGNATION OF COUNCILLORS FROM THE CONSERVATIVE GROUP  
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## 1 PURPOSE

1.1 To revise the Council's current Committee arrangements following a review of the political balance calculation.

1.2 Relevance to the Council's objectives and priorities:

- Council's Objectives – Whilst the Council's Committee arrangements do not contribute directly to the achievement of the Council's objectives, they set the framework for the Council's decision making processes.
- Other considerations – The Council decided under the provisions of the Local Government Act 2000, after consultation with the electorate, to retain its Committee arrangements rather than opt for an executive form of governance. This decision has been reconsidered and confirmed by the Policy and Finance Committee.

## 2 BACKGROUND

2.1 The basis of the Council's present Committee structure was approved by the Policy and Finance Committee at its meeting on 3 April 2008.

2.2 The number of seats on each Committee and the allocation of these seats are calculated in accordance with the political balance provisions of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989.

2.3 The Council also determines the allocation of Committee seats to the Labour Councillor who, as one member, does not constitute a political group.

2.4 The political balance was recalculated and approved at Council on 10 July 2018 after three Councillors resigned from the Conservative Group and formed a group called the Democratic Conservatives.

## 3 ISSUES

3.1 Two members of the Council have resigned from the Conservative group and joined the political group called the Democratic Conservatives. This means that the overall political balance of the Council has changed and must therefore be recalculated to take this into account.

3.2 The recalculation of seats is attached at Appendix A.

3.3 The new membership on Committees following the recalculation is attached at Appendix B.

3.4 The Representatives on Outside Bodies have also been reviewed by the Leader of the Conservative group and amendments suggested to reflect the change in political group membership as attached at Appendix C.

3.5 The Council appointed 13 Councillors to represent the Council on the Parish Council Liaison Committee in May 2018. The representation was 11 Conservatives and 2 Liberal Democrats. It is suggested (based on political balance) that the proportion be amended to 10 Conservatives, 1 Liberal Democrat and 2 Democratic Conservatives.

#### 4 RISK ASSESSMENT

4.1 The approval of this report may have the following implications:

- Resources – The estimated costs of administering the Committee arrangements in 2018/2019 are included in the approved budget for 2018/2019.
- Technical, Environment and Legal – None.
- Political – None.
- Reputation – None.

#### 5 **RECOMMENDED THAT COUNCIL**

5.1 Approves the allocation of Committee seats and confirms the appointment of members to Committees as set out in Appendices A and B.

5.2 Approves the suggested amendments to the Representatives on Outside Bodies as set out at Appendix C.

5.3 Agrees the representation on the Parish Council Liaison Committee as set out in paragraph 3.5 above.

MARSHAL SCOTT  
CHIEF EXECUTIVE

#### BACKGROUND PAPERS

1 Agenda for Annual Meeting of Council 10 May 2018

For further information please ask for Olwen Heap on extension 4408.

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**POLITICAL BALANCE ON COMMITTEES 2018/2019 - OCTOBER****MATHEMATICAL CALCULATION**

1. The political balance of Council is:	Conservatives	30
	Liberal Democrats	4
	Democratic Conservatives	5
	Labour	1
		<b><u>40</u></b>

2. The total number of committee seats:

Community Services	15
Planning & Development	15
Licensing	15
Health & Housing	15
Economic Development	15
Personnel	9
Policy & Finance	15
Accounts & Audit	11
	<b>110</b>

3. Seats per member is  $110 \div 40 = 2.75$

**4. TOTAL NUMBER OF SEATS PER GROUP:**

Conservatives	$30 \times 2.75 =$	<b>83 (82.5)</b>
Liberal Democrats	$4 \times 2.75 =$	<b>11</b>
Democratic Conservatives	$5 \times 2.75 =$	<b>14 (13.75)</b>
Remaining seats <b>(110 - 108) = 2</b> must be allocated to the Labour councillor		

**5. ALLOCATION OF SEATS PER COMMITTEE:**

<b><u>Community Services</u></b>	$(15 \div 40 = 0.375)$	
Conservatives	$30 \times 0.375 = 11.25$	= 11
Liberal Democrats	$4 \times 0.375 = 1.52$	= 2
Democratic Conservatives	$5 \times 0.375 = 1.875$	= 2
Others	$15 - (11+2+2)$	= 0

<b><u>Planning &amp; Development</u></b>	$(15 \div 40 = 0.375)$	
Conservatives	$30 \times 0.375 = 11.25$	= 11
Liberal Democrats	$4 \times 0.375 = 1.52$	= 2
Democratic Conservatives	$5 \times 0.375 = 1.875$	= 2
Others	$15 - (11+2+2)$	= 0

<b><u>Licensing</u></b>	$(15 \div 40 = 0.375)$	
Conservatives	$30 \times 0.375 = 11.25$	= 11
Liberal Democrats	$4 \times 0.375 = 1.52$	= 2
Democratic Conservatives	$5 \times 0.375 = 1.875$	= 2
Others	$15 - (11+2+2)$	= 0

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<b><u>Health &amp; Housing</u></b>	(15÷40 = 0.375)	
Conservatives	30 x 0.375 = 11.25	= 11
Liberal Democrats	4 x 0.375 = 1.52	= 2
Democratic Conservatives	5 x 0.375 = 1.875	= 2
Others	15 – (11+2+2)	= 0

<b><u>Economic Development</u></b>	(15÷40 = 0.375)	
Conservatives	30 x 0.375 = 11.25	= 11
Liberal Democrats	4 x 0.375 = 1.52	= 2
Democratic Conservatives	5 x 0.375 = 1.875	= 2
Others	15 – (11+2+2)	= 0

<b><u>Personnel</u></b>	(9÷40 = 0.225)	
Conservatives	30 x 0.225 = 6.75	= 7
Liberal Democrats	4 x 0.225 = 0.92	= 1
Democratic Conservatives	5 x 0.225 = 1.125	= 1
Others	9 – (7+1+ 1)	= 0

<b><u>Policy &amp; Finance</u></b>	(15÷40 = 0.375)	
Conservatives	30 x 0.375 = 11.25	= 11
Liberal Democrats	4 x 0.375 = 1.52	= 2
Democratic Conservatives	5 x 0.375 = 1.875	= 2
Others	15 – (12+2+2)	= 0

<b><u>Accounts &amp; Audit Committee</u></b>	(11÷40 = 0.275)	
Conservatives	30 x 0.275 = 8.25	= 8
Liberal Democrats	4 x 0.275 = 1.12	= 1
Democratic Conservatives	5 x 0.275 = 1.375	= 1
Others	11 – (8+1+1)	= 1

### **6. Summary**

	<u>Cons</u>	<u>L. Dems</u>	<u>Dem Cons</u>	<u>Labour</u>	
Community Services	11	2	2	0	
Planning & Development	11	2	2	0	
Licensing	11	2	2	0	
Health & Housing	11	2	2	0	
Economic Development	11	2	2	0	
Personnel	7	1	1	0	
Policy & Finance	11	2	2	0	
Accounts & Audit	8	1	1	1	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>= 110</b>

7. The totals of committee seats need to be adjusted to bring the totals in line with the overall allocation of seats ie Conservatives **83**, Liberal Democrats **11**, Democratic Conservatives **14** and Labour **2 = 110**.

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8. Therefore the adjustments to the overall allocation of seats are as follows:

<b>COMMITTEE</b>	<b>CONS</b>	<b>L DEMS</b>	<b>DEM CONS</b>	<b>LABOUR</b>
Community Services	11	2	2	0
Planning & Dev	11	2	2	0
Licensing	11	2 (-1)	2	0 (+1)
Health & Housing	11 (+1)	2 (-1)	2	0
Economic Dev	11 (+1)	2 (-1)	2	0
Personnel	7	1	1	0
Policy & Finance	11	2	2	0
Accounts & Audit	8	1	1	1
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>83(+2)</b>	<b>11 (-3)</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>2 (+1) = 110</b>

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CONSERVATIVE		LIBERAL DEMOCRAT	DEMOCRATIC CONSERVATIVE	LABOUR
<b>COMMUNITY SERVICES (15)</b>				
	(11 seats)	(2 seats)	(2 seats)	
Chairman:	S Hore	M Robinson	R Hargreaves	
Vice Chairman:	R Newmark	S Knox	J Holgate	
	J Alcock			
	A Brown			
Need 1 adding	S Hind			
	S Hirst			
	I Sayers			
	G Scott			
	N Walsh			
	J White			
<b>PLANNING &amp; DEVELOPMENT (15)</b>				
	(11 seats)	(2 seats)	(2 seats)	
Chairman:	A Brown	M French	P Elms	
Vice Chairman:	R Sherras	S Knox	R Thompson	
	N Walsh			
	G Geldard			
	I Brown			
Need to lose 1	P Dowson			
	S Hind			
	S Brunskill			
	J Rogerson			
	S Atkinson			
	R Swarbrick			
	R Bennett			
<b>HEALTH &amp; HOUSING (15)</b>				
	(12 seats)	(1 seat)	(2 seats)	
Chairman:	B Hilton	M Robinson	R Hargreaves	
Vice Chairman:	S Brunskill		R Thompson	
	J White			
	D Smith			
	P Dobson			
Need 1 adding	R Elms			
	L Graves			
	K Hind			
	R Newmark			
	R Sherras			
	S Bibby			

CONSERVATIVE	LIBERAL DEMOCRAT	DEMOCRATIC CONSERVATIVE	LABOUR	
<b>PERSONNEL (9)</b>				
	(7 seats)	(1 seat)	(1 seat)	
Chairman:	R Elms	A Knox	T Hill	
Vice Chairman:	I Brown			
	P Dobson			
	P Ainsworth			
	J White			
	S Hore			
	D Taylor			
<b>LICENSING (15)</b>				
	(11 seats)	(1 seat)	(2 seats)	(1 seat)
Chairman:	J Alcock	A Knox	R Hargreaves	M Fenton
Vice Chairman:	N Walsh		T Hill	
	G Geldard			
	A Brown			
	K Hind			
	S Hind			
	L Graves			
	G Scott			
	S Hore			
	G Mirfin			
	S Brunskill			
<b>POLICY &amp; FINANCE (15)</b>				
	(11 seats)	(2 seats)	(2 seats)	
Chairman:	K Hind	A Knox	P Elms	
Vice Chairman:	S Atkinson	M French	T Hill	
	A Brown			
	J Alcock			
<b>Need to lose 1</b>	R Swarbrick			
	S Bibby			
	R Bennett			
	G Mirfin			
	J Rogerson			
	I Sayers			
	D Smith			
	S Hirst			

CONSERVATIVE		LIBERAL DEMOCRAT	DEMOCRATIC CONSERVATIVE	LABOUR
<b>ACCOUNTS &amp; AUDIT (11)</b>				
	(8 seats)	(1 seat)	(1 seat)	(1 seat)
Chairman:	S Hirst	A Knox	R Thompson	M Fenton
Vice Chairman:	G Mirfin			
	R Newmark			
	L Graves			
<b>Need to lose 1</b>	P Dowson			
	B Hilton			
	P Ainsworth			
	R Sherras			
	J Alcock			
<b>ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (15)</b>				
	(12 seats)	(1 seat)	(2 seats)	
Chairman:	R Swarbrick	M French	P Elms	
Vice Chairman:	J Rogerson		J Holgate	
	S Bibby			
	K Hind			
	D Taylor			
<b>Need 1 adding</b>	S Atkinson			
	P Dowson			
	I Sayers			
	R Elms			
	I Brown			
	S Hirst			
<b>PARISH COUNCIL LIAISON (10 + 1 + 2)</b>				
	(10 seats)	(1 seat)	(2 seats)	
Vice Chairman:	D Taylor	M Robinson	T Hill	
	P Dobson		J Holgate	
	P Dowson			
	L Graves			
	B Hilton			
	R Swarbrick			
	G Scott			
	R Sherras			
	D Smith			
	P Ainsworth			

## RIBBLE VALLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL COUNCIL MEETING

meeting date: TUESDAY 16 OCTOBER 2018  
 title: REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES 2018/2019  
 submitted by:  
 principal author: CONSERVATIVE GROUP NOMINATIONS

ORGANISATION	NUMBER OF VACANCIES	NOMINATIONS	PARENT COMMITTEE	NO. OF REPORTS
Children's Trust	1	Stella Brunskill	Community Services	1
Lancashire Tourism Forum	1	Joyce Holgate	Community Services	1
Lancashire Waste Partnership	1	Ian Sayers	Community Services	1
Langho Football Club	1	Alison Brown	Community Services	1
Longridge Social Enterprise Company Limited	1	Rupert Swarbrick	Community Services	1
Ribble Valley Sports & Recreation (Roefield Leisure Centre)	2	Stuart Hirst Sue Hind Noel Walsh	Community Services	1
Salesbury and Copster Green Commons Management Committee	3	Peter Ainsworth Susan Bibby Stuart Hirst	Community Services	1
Carer's Link	1	Susan Bibby	Health & Housing	1
Calderstones NHS Partnership	1	Bridget Hilton	Health & Housing	1
Environment Agency Liaison Committee	2	Richard Sherras Ian Sayers	Health & Housing	1
Hanson Cement Liaison Committee	5	Richard Sherras Ruth Hargreaves Ian Sayers Ian Brown Allan Knox	Health & Housing	2

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<b>ORGANISATION</b>	<b>NUMBER OF VACANCIES</b>	<b>NOMINATIONS</b>	<b>PARENT COMMITTEE</b>	<b>NO. OF REPORTS</b>
Health & Wellbeing Board (LCC)	1	Bridget Hilton	Health & Housing	6
LCC Health Scrutiny Committee	1	Bridget Hilton	Health & Housing	1
NW Regional Older Peoples Champion Network	1	Susan Bibby	Health & Housing	1
Pendle Club, Clitheroe	2	Sue Hind Ian Brown	Health & Housing	1
Tarmac Liaison Committee	4	Paul Elms Ian Sayers Ian Brown Allan Knox	Health & Housing	2
NW Employer's Organisation	1 + 1 substitute	Stephen Atkinson Rosie Elms	Personnel	2
Forest of Bowland (Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty) Advisory Committee	1	Rosemary Elms	Planning & Development	1
Rural Services Network	1	Richard Sherras	Planning & Development	1
Armed Forces Champion	1	Jim White	Policy & Finance	1
Clitheroe Royal Grammar School Foundation Trust	1	Stephen Atkinson	Policy & Finance	1
Citizen's Advice Bureau	3	Graham Geldard Mary Robinson	Policy & Finance	1
Hyndburn and Ribble Valley Council for Voluntary Services	1	Richard Newmark	Policy & Finance	1
LGA General Assembly	2	Ken Hind Allan Knox	Policy & Finance	1

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Police & Crime Panel	2	Ged Mirfin Ken Hind	Policy & Finance	2
Ribble Valley Community Safety Partnership	1	Robert Thompson	Policy & Finance	1
Ribble Valley Community Transport	1	Ian Sayers	Policy & Finance	1
Whalley Educational Foundation Trust	1	Joyce Holgate	Policy & Finance	1

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