

The Chief Executive's Report on return of Members Elected and Political Proportionality

A by election for the Rayleigh North division was held on 3 March 2022. Cllr James Newport was elected. Cllr Newport has joined the Liberal Democrat Group. The effect of the by election means that the composition of the Council remains:

The Conservative Group:	52
The Non-Aligned Group:	10
The Liberal Democrat Group:	8
The Labour Group:	5

Total: 75

Whenever a Councillor joins a political group the Council is required by law to undertake reviews of committee seat allocations in accordance with the statutory rules of political balance. The review has been undertaken and no changes to committee seat allocations arise from the recent changes since Cllr Newport's election does not change the political balance of the council as his predecessor was also a member of the Liberal Democrat group.

Recommendation:

That there be no change to the allocation of committee seat places which remain as determined by the Council at its annual meeting in May 2021.