

**NORTH DEVON COUNCIL**

**REPORT TO: COUNCIL**

Date: 25<sup>th</sup> November 2020

**TOPIC: APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES FOR 2019/20**

**REPORT BY: CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

1. Following Councillor Lane's resignation from the Conservative Group and joining the Independent Group, a notice requesting a review has been received from the Leaders of the Independent and Conservative group in accordance with regulations.
2. It is now necessary to review the political balance again.
3. Under the Constitution the Council's Strategy and Resources Committee is to be made up of a minimum of 9 members and, if political balance allows, should also consist of all Group Leaders. At the meeting of Council on 24 July 2019, it was resolved that the number of Councillors sitting on the Strategy and Resources Committee be increased to 11 to allow representation from all Groups
4. Following discussions with and between Group Leaders, the following political balance has been agreed. This satisfies, so far as possible, the requirements of the Local Government (Committees and Political Groups) Regulations 1990.
5. It should be noted that the below also reflects an agreement between the Group Leaders that the Green and Liberal Democrat groups would each drop a seat on the Planning Committee with the recommendation being that these seats are allocated to the Independent Group. This reflects the fact that those Groups are not able to fill the seats themselves.
6. A table showing the individual Councillors to serve on each Committee will be tabled at Full Council.

<b>Politically Balanced Committees</b>					
	<b>Number of Cllrs</b>	<b>Liberal Democrat</b>	<b>Conservative</b>	<b>Independent</b>	<b>Green Group</b>
Building Control Joint Committee	2	1	1		
Governance Committee (see note below)	9	5	2	2	0
Harbour Board	4	2	1	1	0

Licensing and Community Safety Committee	15	7	4	3	1
North Devon Crematorium Joint Committee	7	4	2	1	0
Planning Committee	15	6	4	5	0
Policy Development Committee (see note below)	10	5	2	2	1
Strategy and Resources Committee (see note below)	11	5	3	2	1
Total	73	35	19	16	3

Notes on Table 1:

Seats have been allocated to political groups in accordance with the rules laid down in the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 and the Local Government (Committees and Political Groups) Regulations 1990.

Governance Committee

- Cannot include Strategy and Resources Committee Members.

Strategy and Resources Committee:

- The Chair of this Committee shall be the Leader of the Council and membership will include all Group Leaders where political balance allows.

Policy Development Committee

- The Chair of the Committee may not be a Member of the Strategy and Resources Committee.

7. In addition 9 appointments are required to a Reserve List of members from which any substitutes required to sit on the Planning Committee shall be drawn, provided that Council will ensure so far as is practicable that the composition of the Reserve List reflects the political balance on Full Council. Again the names of the individual Councillors will be tabled at Full Council.

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