

## Senior Officer Decision



**Consultative meeting:** Council

**Consultative meeting date:** 27.7.21

### Exempt from publication

No.

### Title: Changes to governance arrangements

#### Links to:

- (i) **Officer report to consultative meeting**  
[Agenda for Council on Tuesday, 27th July, 2021, 6.00 pm - East Devon](#)
- (ii) **Recording of consultative meeting**  
[Full Council Meeting - YouTube](#)
- (iii) **Minutes of consultative meeting**  
Not available at time of decision.

#### Recommendation:

1. The revised political balance and number of committee seats for the political groups as set out in the table at paragraph 3 and committee seat allocations table at Appendix 1;
2. The change in membership of the committees as set out in paragraph 5 below;
3. The Chair of the Personnel Committee shall be the Chair of Council.
4. The Chair of Scrutiny Committee shall be Cllr Tom Wright

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#### Authority

Decision of Council on 26<sup>th</sup> July 2021 to delegate decision making to senior officers until 23.59 17<sup>th</sup> January 2022.

## Officer Decision

### Consultations:

I was present at / have watched the recording of the consultative meeting which considered this item

Yes  No

Detail any other consultations carried out:

N/A

### Other considerations:

Do the legal and finance comments and equalities impact, climate change and risk assessments as detailed in the officer report remain the same.

Yes  No

If no, provide the updated assessment below;

### Decision:

Confirm the political balance / seat numbers (below) and committee seat allocations (Appendix 1 to the report to Council);

|                               |            |            |            |
|-------------------------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Democratic Alliance Group     | 25 members | 41.67%     | 47 seats   |
| Conservative Group            | 22 members | 36.67%     | 41 seats   |
| The Independents              | 5 members  | 8.33%      | 9 seats    |
| Independent Progressive Group | 4 members  | 6.67%      | 8 seats    |
| Cranbrook Voice               | 3 members  | 5%         | 6 seats    |
| Independent (Independent)     | 1          | 1.66%      | 0 seats    |
| <b>TOTALS</b>                 | <b>60</b>  | <b>100</b> | <b>111</b> |

Confirm the changes to the membership of committees as below;


- a. Cllrs Bailey and C Wright removed from Scrutiny and Cllr Pook removed from Strategic Planning. Cllr Bruce to sit on the Scrutiny Committee. Cllrs Millar and Bonetta to take seats on Scrutiny and Strategic Planning respectively.
- b. Cllr Brown is removed from the Scrutiny Committee to be replaced by Cllr Tom Wright. Cllr Brown replaces Cllr Tom Wright on the Planning Committee.
- c. Cllr Pook takes the Independents seats on Overview and HRB committees and Cllr C Wright takes the seat on the Planning Committee.
- d. Cllr Thomas to sit on the Personnel Committee with Cllr Jarvis being the substitute member.

Confirm that the Chair of the Personnel Committee shall be the Chair of Council.

Confirm that the Chair of the Scrutiny Committee shall be the Cllr Tom Wright

**Reasons for decision:**

For the reasons detailed in the report to the Council consultative meeting and following the recommendation from that meeting.

Signed .....  ..... Dated: 28<sup>th</sup> July 2021

Senior Officer job title and name:

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