

COUNCIL MEETING, 13 FEBRUARY 2020

REPORT OF THE
Chief Executive
PART I

1. PROPORTIONALITY AND APPOINTMENTS

- 1.1. This report concerns various matters relating to political proportionality and appointments to committees and panels which require the approval of the County Council.

2. POLITICAL PROPORTIONALITY

- 2.1. Part I of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 requires the County Council to view the proportionality of its committees each year at its Annual Meeting and at such time that the political composition of the County Council changes between Annual Meetings. The political composition changed on 13 December 2019 as follows:

Conservative:	55
Liberal Democrat:	19
Labour:	1
Community Campaign for Hart:	1
Basingstoke & Deane Independent Group:	1
Unaffiliated:	1

- 2.2. On 14 January 2020 Councillors John Bennison (Community Campaign for Hart) and Michael Westbrook (Basingstoke & Deane Independent Group) formed the Independent Group on the County Council. Councillor Bennison will be the Group Leader and Councillor Westbrook, Deputy Group Leader. Each will be Opposition Spokesperson for the respective Select Committees they are appointed to as detailed in paragraph 3 below.
- 2.3. In light of the above changes and subject to approval of the recommendations in regard to the Corporate Parenting Board at Item 8 on the Agenda, a review of the Proportionality Table in accordance with the Regulations is now required.
- 2.4. A draft Proportionality Table is attached to this report at Appendix 1 which reflects the political group changes set out in paragraph 2.2 above together with the allocation of seats on committees and panels. This includes the Corporate Parenting Board which is subject to the provisions in paragraph 2.3 above.
- 2.5. Hampshire Fire and Rescue Authority and Isle of Wight Council have been collaborating over a proposal to create a new combined fire and rescue authority. The new authority will cover the existing Hampshire combined fire area (i.e. the Hampshire County Council, Portsmouth City Council and Southampton City Council areas), together with the Isle of Wight Council area.

A business case for a new combination scheme was jointly submitted to the Home Office in summer 2019. The business case was accepted, and since then, the Home Office have been working with Hampshire Fire and Rescue Authority and Isle of Wight Council to implement the new scheme. This requires a new Combination Order (a statutory instrument) which is now likely to come into force on 1 April 2020. When the statutory instrument comes into force, it will create a new combined fire and rescue authority known as "*Hampshire and Isle of Wight Fire and Rescue Authority*". The new combined fire authority will exist in "shadow form" for its first year - i.e. from 1 April 2020 to 31 March 2021. During its shadow year, the new authority will only exercise such functions as are necessary for bringing the new combination scheme into full effect on 1 April 2021 (this will include setting a precept and budget for the new authority for the year 1 April 2021 to 31 March 2022). However, the new authority will not have responsibility for the fire and rescue functions until these are transferred to it on 1 April 2021. These functions will remain with Hampshire Fire and Rescue Authority and Isle of Wight Council during the shadow year.

- 2.6. The constituent authorities of the new combined fire and rescue authority now need to appoint a total of 11 members to the authority with effect from 1 April 2020. Hampshire County Council needs to appoint 8 of the 11 members in proportion to the political composition of the County Council.
- 2.7. For administrative efficiency, it is proposed that the existing Hampshire Fire and Rescue Authority members be appointed to the new combined authority in accordance with paragraph 3.1(i) below.

3. **APPOINTMENTS**

- 3.1. The following appointments are proposed by the Leader of the Council:
 - a) That Councillor John Bennison be appointed to the Culture and Communities and the Economy, Transport and Environment Select Committees as the Independent Group representative.
 - b) That Councillor Mike Westbrook be appointed to the Policy and Resources and the Children and Young People Select Committees, together with the Education Advisory Panel as the Independent Group representative.
 - c) That Councillor John Bennison be appointed as the Independent Group Substitute Member on the Policy and Resources and the Children and Young People Select Committees and the Education Advisory Panel.
 - d) That Councillor Mike Westbrook be appointed as the Independent Group Substitute Member on the Culture and Communities and the Economy, Transport and Environment Select Committees.
 - e) That subject to the approval of the recommendations in regard to Item 8 on the Agenda, that the following appointments be made to the Corporate Parenting Board: Councillor Ann Briggs as Chairman, Councillor Fran Carpenter as Vice Chairman, Councillors Roz Chadd, Stephen Philpott,

Jackie Porter, Patricia Stallard, Elaine Still, Robert Taylor and Malcolm Wade. That Councillors Peter Edgar and Pal Hayre be appointed as Conservative Substitute Members. That Councillors Dominic Hiscock and Wayne Irish be appointed as Liberal Democrat Substitute Members.

- f) That Charmian Harrison be appointed as a Co-opted Member of the Standing Advisory Council for Religious Education representing the Methodists, replacing Colin How.
- g) That Rachel Jackson be appointed as a Co-opted Member of the Standing Advisory Council for Religious Education as the Primary Schools representative, replacing Kate Stubbings.
- h) That Dr Julie Maxwell be appointed as a Co-opted Member of the Standing Advisory Council for Religious Education representing Governor Forum which is a new co-option to the Committee.
- i) That Councillors Chris Carter, Roz Chadd, Liz Fairhurst, Jonathan Glen, Geoff Hockley, Roger Price, David Simpson and Rhydian Vaughan be appointed to the Shadow Hampshire and Isle of Wight Fire and Rescue Authority with effect from the date that the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Fire and Rescue Authority (Combination Scheme) Order 2020 comes into force until the annual meeting of the County Council.
- j) That the following appointments be made to the Hampshire Pension Fund Panel and Board for a four year term of office ending 12 February 2024: Lindsay Gowland as the Co-opted Member representing Deferred Scheme Members, replacing Valerie Arrowsmith; Liz Bartle as the Co-opted Member representing Other Employers, replacing Dave Robbins; Neil Wood as the Co-opted Member representing Active Scheme Members which is a re-appointment.
- k) That Councillor Martin Boiles be appointed as the Conservative Substitute Member on the Children and Young People Select Committee, replacing Councillor Elaine Still.
- l) That Dawn Casson be appointed as a Co-opted Member of the Education Advisory Panel representing Primary Head Teachers to fill an existing vacancy.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the County Council:

- a) Approves the Proportionality Table at Appendix 1 to the report.
- b) Notes the position with a new combined fire and rescue authority known as "*Hampshire and Isle of Wight Fire and Rescue Authority*" set out in paragraphs 2.4 to 2.6 of the report.
- c) Approves Member and Co-opted Member appointments set out in paragraph 3.1 of the report.

County Council Proportionality – 13 February 2020 (DRAFT)						
		Conservative	Liberal Democrat	Independent	Labour	Unaffiliated
Members:	78.00	55	19	2	1	1
A: Council Committees and Panels						
Select Committees	Seats					
Policy and Resources	14	10	3	1		
Children and Young People	16	11	4	1		
Culture and Communities	14	10	3	1		
Environment and Transportation	14	10	3	1		
Health & Adult Social Care	16	11	4		1	
Other Committees/Panels						
Audit Committee	9	6	2			1
Employment in Hampshire County Council	8	6	2			
Pension Fund Panel & Board	9	7	2			
Regulatory Committee	16	11	4		1	
Advisory Committees/Panels						
Buildings Land & Procurement Panel	6	4	2			
Children and Families Advisory Panel	9	6	2			1
Conduct Advisory Panel	10	7	3			
Corporate Parenting Board	9	7	2			
Education Advisory Panel	9	6	2	1		
SACRE	4	3	1			
River Hamble						
River Hamble Harbour Board	3	2	1			
River Hamble Harbour Management Committee	10	7	3			
A: Total	176	124	43	5	2	2
Mathematical entitlement		124.10	42.87	4.51	2.26	2.26
Rounded mathematical entitlement		124	43	5	2	2
Surplus/deficit		0	0	0	0	0
B: Other Proportionate Bodies						
Chichester Harbour Conservancy	4	3	1			
Hampshire Fire and Rescue Authority	8	6	2			
New Forest National Park Authority	5	4	1			
B: Total	17	13	4	0	0	0
C: Overall Total Seats	193	137	47	5	2	2
Mathematical entitlement		136.09	47.01	4.95	2.47	2.47
Overall rounded mathematical entitlement		136	47	5	2	2
Surplus/deficit		1	0	0	0	0