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<b>Report to:</b>	Council	<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	24 July 2014
<b>Subject:</b>	Membership of Committees 2014/15	<b>Wards Affected:</b>	All
<b>Report of:</b>	Director of Corporate Services		
<b>Is this a Key Decision?</b>	No	<b>Is it included in the Forward Plan?</b>	No
<b>Exempt/Confidential</b>	No		

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### Purpose/Summary

To advise the Council that Councillor Crabtree has given formal notice of his membership of the Labour Group with effect from 19 June 2014, which has changed the Political Balance on the Council and to inform the Council that the change in proportionality affects the entitlement to formal Committee Places. The Labour Group and Conservative Group on the Council have been notified of the change to their entitlement of Committee Places

### Recommendation(s)

- (1) That the Political Groups below report orally on the changes to the Planning Committee in order to effect the revision to the allocation of Committee Places resulting from the change in proportionality:
- The Labour Group to nominate one additional Member and one Substitute Member for the Planning Committee; and
  - The Conservative Group to lose one Member on the Planning Committee.
- (2) That Political Groups report orally on other changes which they wish to make within their allocations of Committee Places.

### How does the decision contribute to the Council's Corporate Objectives?

	<b><u>Corporate Objective</u></b>	<b><u>Positive Impact</u></b>	<b><u>Neutral Impact</u></b>	<b><u>Negative Impact</u></b>
1	Creating a Learning Community		✓	
2	Jobs and Prosperity		✓	
3	Environmental Sustainability		✓	
4	Health and Well-Being		✓	
5	Children and Young People		✓	
6	Creating Safe Communities		✓	

7	Creating Inclusive Communities		✓	
8	Improving the Quality of Council Services and Strengthening Local Democracy	✓		

**Reasons for the Recommendation:**

To effect the revision to the allocation of Committee Places resulting from the change in proportionality on the Council

**Alternative Options Considered and Rejected:**

None

**What will it cost and how will it be financed?**

**(A) Revenue Costs**

None

**(B) Capital Costs**

None

**Implications:**

The following implications of this proposal have been considered and where there are specific implications, these are set out below:

<b>Financial</b>	
<b>Legal:</b> The Chief Executive received formal notice of a change in the membership of the Labour Group in accordance with Paragraph 9 (b) of the Local Government (Committees and Political Groups) Regulations 1990. The allocation of Committee Places has been revised following the change in proportionality on the Council to meet the requirements of Paragraph 15 (d) of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989.	
<b>Human Resources:</b> None	
<b>Equality</b>	
1. No Equality Implication	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2. Equality Implications identified and mitigated	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Equality Implication identified and risk remains	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Impact of the Proposals on Service Delivery:**

None

**What consultations have taken place on the proposals and when?**

The Head of Corporate Finance and ICT (FD3075/14) notes that there are no financial commitments in this report.

The Head of Corporate Legal Services (LD2379/14) has been consulted and has no comments on the report

**Implementation Date for the Decision**

Immediately following the Council meeting.

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**Background Papers:**

There are no background papers available for inspection

## 1. Introduction/Background

1.1 Councillor Crabtree has given notice that he no longer wishes to be a Member of the Conservative Group and he formally became a Member of the Labour Group from 19 June 2014. This has changed the political balance on the Council and following a request from Councillor P. Dowd, Leader of the Labour Group, a recalculation of the entitlement to formal Committee Places has been undertaken which results in the Labour Group gaining one place on the Planning Committee and the Conservative Group losing one place on that Committee.

1.2 The change in proportionality is as follows:

Political Group	Number of Seats on Council	Entitlement to Committee Places	
		From 19 June 2014	Prior to 19 June 2014
Labour	41	51	50
Liberal Democrat	17	21	21
Conservative	6	8	9

1.3 The revised allocation of Committee Places is as follows:

Committee	Places Available	Places Allocated to Political Groups		
		Labour	Liberal Democrat	Conservative
Audit and Governance	10	6	3	1
Licensing and Regulatory	15	9	4	2
Planning	15	10	4	1
O&S Children's Services	10	6	3	1
O&S – Health & Social Care	10	7	2	1
O&S – Performance & Corporate Services	10	6	3	1
O&S – Regeneration & Environmental	10	7	2	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>8</b>

1.4 The Labour Group and Conservative Group on the Council have been notified of the change to their entitlement of Committee Places and they have been requested to report orally on the changes to the membership of the Planning Committee.

1.5 Political Groups may also report orally on other changes which they wish to make within their allocations of Committee Places.