

**STROUD DISTRICT COUNCIL**  
**COUNCIL**

**AGENDA  
ITEM NO**

**9 AUGUST 2018**

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<b>Report Title</b>	<b>COMMITTEE SEAT ALLOCATION (from August 2018)</b>
<b>Purpose of Report</b>	To update the allocation of seats in accordance with the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 and appoint councillors in response to a change in membership of a political group.
<b>Decision(s)</b>	The Council <b>RESOLVES</b> to appoint councillors to the committees set out in the report.
<b>Consultation and Feedback</b>	The proposed allocations and appointments have been subject to consultation with affected political groups and members.
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**1. Background**

- 1.1 Following receipt of notification of the group change of two members since May 2018, the current political groupings are:

Conservative	22 Members
Labour	16 Members
Greens	9 Members
Liberal Democrats	2 Members

- 1.2 In addition there are two independent members who are not members of any local political grouping for the purpose of seat allocations and to which (only) one seat each is allocated on a committee.

**2. Committee Allocations**

- 2.1 The seats on each committee must be allocated to each political group as required by the Local Government and Housing Act 1989. On the basis of the existing committee structure and seat allocations negotiated between the Alliance, the allocations are as set out below. There is no change to the allocation of seats involving the Conservative, Liberal Democrat or Conservative no group members.

Total no. of councillors 51	<b>Conservative</b> (22 Cllrs)	<b>Green</b> (9 Cllrs)	<b>Labour</b> (16 Cllrs)	<b>Liberal Democrat</b> (2 Cllrs)	<b>No Group</b> (2 Cllrs)	<b>Total seats available</b>
<b>Community Services &amp; Licensing</b>	5	2	3	1	1	<b>12</b>
<b>Environment</b>	5	2	4	1	0	<b>12</b>
<b>Housing</b>	5	3	4	0	0	<b>12</b>
<b>Strategy and Resources</b>	6	2	4	1	0	<b>13</b>
<b>Audit and Standards</b>	4	1	3	0	1	<b>9</b>
<b>Development Control</b>	5	3	4	0	0	<b>12</b>
<b>Seats to be allocated per group</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>70</b>

- 2.2 As a result of the changes, Cllr McKeown and Cllr Reed will remain members of the Development Control and Community Services & Licensing committees respectively albeit in their new capacities (namely Green and Independent respectively) and Cllr Dewey (Green) will sit on the Housing Committee. The latter will take the place of a Labour Group member. The updated committee membership list has been published.
- 2.3 It is understood that one or more of the political groups may wish to amend / shuffle around their committee appointments. Subject to adherence to the allocations (outlined above) this is permissible if an appointed member resigns from a committee and following their Group Leader's appointment of a replacement, such new appointment is confirmed at the subsequent Council meeting.