

## Proposed Amendment to Agenda Item 8 – Proportionality and Allocation of Places on Committees of the Council 2024-25

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### Proposal:

To increase the size of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee by 2 Members taking it from 9 to 11 Members.

The Proportionality calculations set out in Paragraph 3.4 would then become:

3.4 The political composition of the Council is as follows:

<b>GROUP</b>	<b>SEATS (on Council)</b>	<b>PROPORTION ON COUNCIL</b>	<b>ENTITLEMENT (to seats on Committees)</b>
Aspire	24	53.33%	<del>39.97 (40)</del> <b>41.06 (41)</b>
Labour	18	40%	<del>30 (30)</del> <b>30.8 (31)</b>
Ungrouped	3	0*	5 (remainder) – but see Para 3.5 below
	45		<del>75</del> <b>77</b>

\* Ungrouped Councillors are not included in the proportionality calculation. As two Councillors are required to form a group the Conservative, Green and Independent Councillors are included in the 'ungrouped' designation above.

Paragraph 3.5 becomes:

According to the above calculation the Aspire Group would be entitled to 41 seats on these Committees, with the Labour Group being entitled to 31 and the remaining 5 being available for ungrouped Members. However, there is also a requirement in the above Act that the Aspire Group must have a majority on every Committee. This results in their allocation increasing to 43 and the ungrouped allocation consequently reducing to 3.

The table at Paragraph 3.6 would become:

<b>Committee</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Aspire</b>	<b>Labour</b>	<b>Ungrouped</b>
<b>Licensing Committee</b>	15	8	6	1
<b>Overview and Scrutiny (plus 2 co-optees)</b>	<b>9-11</b>	<b>5-6</b>	4	<b>1</b>
<b>General Purposes Committee</b>	9	5	3	1
<b>Strategic Development Committee</b>	9	5	<del>3</del> 4	<del>1</del> 0
<b>Audit Committee</b>	7	4	3	
<b>Human Resources Committee</b>	7	4	3	
<b>Development Committee</b>	7	4	3	
<b>Pensions Committee</b>	7	4	3	
<b>Standards Advisory Committee (plus 5 co- optees)</b>	5	3	2	
<b>TOTALS</b>	75	<del>42</del> 43	<del>30</del> 31	3

Note – these changes would result in one ungrouped place being allocated to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee as it is now the second largest Committee (behind the Licensing Committee). The final ungrouped place is shown as being on the General Purposes Committee but Council could change this to the Strategic Development Committee should it so wish.