

Report Number: SWT 5/23

Somerset West and Taunton Council

Full Council – 7 February 2023

Somerset West and Taunton Council amended Political Allocation and Councillor Appointments to Committees

This matter is the responsibility of the Leader of the Council

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1. Executive Summary / Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to amend the Council's numerical political allocation due to:
- a) Cllr Anthony Trollope-Bellew passing away
 - b) Cllr Danny Wedderkopp resigning from the Council
 - c) Cllr Martin Peters leaving the Liberal Democrat Group and joining the Labour Group

2. Recommendations

2.1 The Council approves the revised:

- a) Political allocation as attached (Appendix A)
- b) Councillor appointments to Committees (Appendix B)

3. Risk Assessment

- 3.1 There are no risks associated with this report

4. Background and Full details of the Report

- 4.1 The Council last agreed the political allocation at the Annual Council meeting on the 29 September 2022.
- 4.2 The purpose of this report is to amend the Council's numerical political allocation following the changes set out in section 1.1 of this report.
- 4.3 As the Council will be dissolved on the 1 April 2023 as per The Somerset (Structural Changes) Order 2022, by-elections will not be held for Cllrs Trollope-Bellew and Wedderkopp's seats, and therefore the allocation is based on 57 Councillors rather than 59.
- 4.4 As a result of this the political allocation has changed (attached as Appendix A) and there are some changes to the Councillor appointments to Committee (attached as Appendix B)

5. **Links to Corporate Strategy** – N/A
6. **Finance / Resource Implications** - None
7. **Legal Implications** - None
8. **Climate and Sustainability Implications** - None
9. **Safeguarding and/or Community Safety Implications** - None
10. **Equality and Diversity Implications** - None
11. **Social Value Implications** - None
12. **Partnership Implications** - None
13. **Health and Wellbeing Implications** - None
14. **Asset Management Implications** - None
15. **Data Protection Implications** - None
16. **Consultation Implications** - None
17. **Scrutiny/Executive Comments / Recommendation(s)** – N/A as this is a Council Report

Democratic Path:

- **Scrutiny / Corporate Governance or Audit Committees** – No not applicable as Council function only
- **Cabinet/Executive** – No not applicable as Council function only
- **Full Council** – Yes

Reporting Frequency: Ad-hoc

List of Appendices (delete if not applicable)

Appendix A	The revised Political Allocation
Appendix B	Councillor appointments to Committee

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