

COUNCIL, 26 November 2014

REPORT OF THE MONITORING OFFICER

APPOINTMENTS SUB-COMMITTEE – political balance of membership

At an extraordinary meeting on 22 October, Council reappointed its committees for the remainder of the municipal year following the formation of the East Havering Residents' Group. The numbers, sizes and composition of those committees was also agreed and in accordance with the political balance rules stipulated in Section 15 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989.

The Appointments Sub-Committee, a sub-committee of the Governance Committee, did not count for the purpose of determining the overall political balance. It must nevertheless be politically balanced and this report seeks to address that.

The Local Government (Committees and Political Groups) Regulations 1990 contain detailed provisions as to how the grouping of members and the political balance requirements are to be effected.

The contents and recommendations of this report are in compliance with the 1989 Act and the 1990 Regulations.

Pursuant to Rule 20.1 of the Council Procedure Rules, the Council has capacity to suspend Rule 20.2 for the duration of the meeting.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- (1) That, so far as necessary to enable any changes proposed and agreed during this meeting to be carried in to effect, Council Procedure Rule 20.2 (proposals to amend the Constitution to be referred to Governance Committee without discussion) be suspended.
- (2) That the Council, having due regard to the political balance rules, agree the allocation of seats on the Appointments Sub-Committee as set out in Appendix A.



Appendix A

		CONS		RES		EHRG		UKIP		IRG	
	Membership	22 41.51%		11 20.75%		8 15.09%		7 13.21%		5 9.43%	
Appointments Sub-Committee	7	2.91	3	1.45	1	1.06	1	0.92	1	0.66	1