

HERTFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

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Agenda Item No.

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ALLOCATION OF PLACES ON COMMITTEES

Report of the County Secretary

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Purpose of Report

To give background information to enable the Council to consider the allocation of places on Committees to the Labour and Liberal Democrat Groups.

Background

The Constitution (Annex 20 para. 1.1) provides that places on Committees are allocated between the Groups in accordance with the proportionality rules set out in the Local Government & Housing Act 1989.

The applicable proportionality rules are:

- no one Group can have all the places on a Committee
- the majority group must have a majority of places on each Committee.

The current allocation of Opposition places on Committees is as follows:

<u>Committee</u>	<u>No. of Places for Opposition</u>	<u>Labour</u>	<u>Liberal Democrat</u>
Audit	3	2	1
Development Control	4	3	1
Investment	3	2	1
Standards	1	1	0
Adult Care & Health Scrutiny	4	3	1
CIP Scrutiny	4	3	1
Environment Scrutiny	4	3	1
RPP&C Scrutiny	4	3	1
CSF Scrutiny	4	3	1
TOTAL	31	23	8

This allocation of places between the Labour and Liberal Democrat Groups reflects the share of seats on the Council after the election in 2001 (Labour 27; Liberal Democrats 10).

The current share of seats on the Council is now Labour 25 and Liberal Democrat 11. There is no legal requirement to amend the allocation of places on Committees to reflect this change. If however the Council wished to do so, the appropriate allocation of the 31 committee places would be 22 to Labour and 9 to Liberal Democrats.

Financial Implications

None.