

TONBRIDGE & MALLING BOROUGH COUNCIL

COUNCIL

26 September 2006

Report of the Monitoring Officer

Part 1- Public

Matters For Decision

1 POLITICAL BALANCE ARRANGEMENTS FOR COMMITTEES

- 1.1 Under section 15 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 (duty to allocate seats to political groups) and the Local Government (Committees and Political Groups) Regulations 1990, the Council is required to review the size and composition of any of its committees and sub-committees to which those provisions apply at the annual meeting of the Council. In addition, a review has to be conducted at the ordinary meeting of the Council next following the election of a member of the Council after a bye-election.
- 1.2 A review is required to take place at this meeting following the recent bye-election in the Ightham ward. However, as the newly-elected councillor is a member of the same political group as the previous councillor, the political balance does not change.
- 1.3 However, it is necessary for the Conservative group to re-distribute the seats allocated to it amongst the members of the group.
- 1.4 **RECOMMENDED** that:
- 1) the size and composition of all committees and sub-committees remain unchanged;
 - 2) the Conservative Group re-distribute the seats allocated to it amongst its members and notify the Chief Executive accordingly.

Background papers:

Local Government and Housing Act 1989
Local Government (Committees and Political Groups)
Regulations 1990

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