

# **REPORT TO COUNCIL**

**REPORT OF:** Chief Executive

**REPORT NO.** CEX282

**DATE:** 24th February 2005

<b>TITLE:</b>	Reallocation of Seats on Council Committees and Panels
<b>KEY DECISION OR POLICY FRAMEWORK PROPOSAL:</b>	N/A
<b>COUNCIL AIMS/PORTFOLIO HOLDER NAME AND DESIGNATION:</b>	N/A
<b>CORPORATE PRIORITY:</b>	Corporate Governance
<b>CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS:</b>	N/A
<b>FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT IMPLICATIONS:</b>	N/A
<b>BACKGROUND PAPERS:</b>	None

In accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Act, the Chairman has agreed to set this as a late item of business because of the requirements under the Act to deal with reallocation of seats as soon as practicable

## **Background**

On the 21st February 2005, I received from Councillor Mrs. Azar Woods, notification under the Local Government (Committees and Political Groups) Regulations 1990 that she was resigning from the Conservative Administration Group and forming a new group with Councillor Paul Genever. I have received separate confirmation from Councillor Paul Genever of his wish to join this group.

The new group wish to be known as the Non-Aligned group and in accordance with this change to the political composition I have recalculated the composition of the Council's Committees and Scrutiny Panels and these calculations are shown in Appendix A. As can be seen from this Appendix, the consequential changes to membership of Committees and Scrutiny Panels are as follows:

1. The new Non-Aligned Group is entitled to one representative on the Development Control Committee and the Administration Group lose one seat on this Committee.

As Councillor Mrs. Azar Woods is currently serving on this Committee and wishes to remain on the Committee, there would not appear to be any need to change the composition of this Committee.

2. The new Non-Aligned Group is entitled to one seat on one of the five Development and Scrutiny Panels. Currently Councillor Mrs. Azar Woods serves on the Environmental DSP. However, I understand that she no longer wishes to serve on this Panel. The Independent Group lose one seat on the Development and Scrutiny Panel and therefore the two groups will need to liaise to determine which seat will be surrendered by the Independent Group in favour of the Non-Aligned Group.
3. As Councillor Mrs. Azar Woods has intimated that she no longer wishes to serve on the Environment DSP, the Administration Group will need to make a new nomination to this Panel.

### **Recommendation**

That the Council approve the nominations made by the Non-Aligned and Administration groups in accordance with the provisions set out above.

Duncan Kerr,  
Chief Executive