

**EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL held at COUNCIL CHAMBER - COUNCIL OFFICES, LONDON ROAD, SAFFRON WALDEN, CB11 4ER, on THURSDAY, 31 OCTOBER 2019 at 7.00pm**

Present: Councillor M Foley (Acting Chair)  
Councillors A Armstrong, S Barker, M Caton, C Criscione, C Day, A Dean, G Driscoll, D Eke, J Evans, P Fairhurst, A Gerard, N Hargreaves, V Isham, R Jones, A Khan, G LeCount, P Lees, M Lemon, B Light, J Lodge, S Luck, S Merifield, R Pavitt, L Pepper, N Reeve, G Sell and M Sutton.

Officers in attendance: D French (Chief Executive), B Ferguson (Acting Principal Democratic Services Officer) and S Pugh (Assistant Director - Governance and Legal).

**C47 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Apologies were received from Councillors Bagnall, Freeman, Gregory, Lavelle, Loughlin, Storah and Tayler.

**C48 POLITICAL PROPORTIONALITY AND APPOINTMENT TO COMMITTEES 2019-20**

The Leader introduced the item on Political Proportionality and Appointment to Committees 2019-20. He said the item had been brought to an Extraordinary Meeting of Council due to the need to approve revised political balance in light of the formation of the Green Party Group. He welcomed the Green Party Group to Council and highlighted the significant activity that was being undertaken with regard to green issues. Announcements were also made in respect to changes to portfolio responsibilities, Cabinet Members and Cabinet Deputies. A list of Council, Cabinet and Committee membership has been appended to these minutes for information. In addition to the recommendations outlined in the report, the Leader proposed that Councillor LeCount be made substitute to the Essex Police, Fire and Crime Panel (EPFC).

In response to a Member question, the Chair said the appointment to the EPFC could be noted by Council.

Councillor Light thanked Members for the Green Party Group's welcome. She said the Group would work hard for residents in keeping the district green.

RESOLVED that Council:

- i) Reviews the allocation of seats on its committees and achieves political balance by allocating seats as follows:

<b>Committee</b>	<b>No. Seats Available</b>	<b>R4U</b>	<b>LD</b>	<b>CONS</b>	<b>GREEN</b>	<b>IND</b>
Governance, Audit and Performance	10	6	2	1	1	0
Licensing and Environmental Health	10	6	2	1	1	0
Planning	12	7	2	1	1	1
Scrutiny	10	6	2	1	0	1
Standards	9	3	2	2	1	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>

ii) That the Council increases the size of the Standards Committee from eight to nine members.

iii) That the Council makes appointments to committees in accordance with the nominations made by group leaders (as appended).

The meeting closed at 7.15pm.