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31 October 2003

Dear Sir or Madam

RE: COUNCIL MEETING – 4 NOVEMBER 2003 AT 6.45 PM

I refer to the Summons dated 24 October 2003 and my subsequent letters relating to the meeting of the City Council to be held at 6.45 pm on Tuesday 4 November 2003. I now enclose a copy of a further item regarding the Re-calculation of Seats on Committees and Panels for 2003/04 following Councillor Toole's decision to join the Conservative Group. The Mayor has agreed to take this report as an Urgent Item of Business. The item will therefore be dealt with as Agenda Item 22(b), ie immediately before the Council moves into the Part B Section of the Agenda.

Yours faithfully

Head of Legal and Democratic Services



CARLISLE CITY COUNCIL

Report to:-

THE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Date of Meeting:-

4 November 2003

Agenda Item No:-

22(b)

Public	Operational	Delegated: Yes
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Accompanying Comments and Statements	Required	Included
Environmental Impact Statement:	No	No
Corporate Management Team Comments:	No	No
Financial Comments:	No	No
Legal Comments:	Yes	Yes
Personnel Comments:	No	No

Title:-

RECALCULATION OF SEATS ON COMMITTEES AND
PANELS - 2003/2004

Report of:-

HEAD OF LEGAL AND DEMOCRATIC SERVICES

Report reference:-

LDS.69/03

Summary:-

The Report informs Members of the recalculation of seats on Committees and Panels which has been necessary following Councillor Toole joining the Conservative Group.

Recommendations:-

1. Members are recommended to consider and approve this report and the revised allocation of seats and
2. To receive nominations from the Conservative and Labour Group to reflect the changes to the Committees more particularly mentioned in paragraph 4 and confirm the formal appointment of those nominations.

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Note: in compliance with section 100d of the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985 the report has been prepared in part from the following papers: None

INTRODUCTION

- 3.3 When seats are allocated to Labour on a straight allocation, they would receive only 26 seats which is 2 short of their total aggregate entitlement of 28. They therefore have to be given 2 more seats on Committees or Panels where seats are available and where they have the largest fractional "entitlements". The only bodies where there are surplus seats available to be allocated are on the Appeals Panels and Labour have therefore been allocated their extra seats on Appeals Panels 1 and 2 as shown in the Appendix. The net effect for Labour, when compared with the current position, is that as a result of the new fractional entitlements they have lost a seat on the Overview and Scrutiny Infrastructure Committee but have been allocated an extra seat on Appeals Panel 2.
- 3.4 On a straight allocation, the Liberal Democrats would after rounding up receive 7 seats, which is one more than their aggregate entitlement of 6 seats. They have to lose it on the Committee where they have the least fractional "entitlement" and it has therefore been taken from the Employment Panel, where their fractional entitlement is the lowest, thus bringing them back to their total aggregate entitlement of 6 seats.
- 3.5 The remaining 2 seats, after the Groups have received their entitlements, are allocated to the independent member who has therefore been allocated the remaining seats on Development Control and Appeals Panel 3.

4. CONCLUSION

- 4.1 Application of the statutory rules is not the simplest of exercises but I believe that the calculations shown in Appendix 1 fulfils the duty to apply the legislative principles as far as reasonably practicable.
- 4.2 The net result of an increase in the size of the Conservative Group is that the following changes will need to be made to the present allocation of seats:
- 4.2.1 The Conservative Group will gain a seat on the Overview Infrastructure Committee and the Labour Group will lose a seat on that Committee.
- 4.2.2 The Labour Group will gain a seat on Appeals Panel 2 and the independent member will lose a seat on that Panel.

- 4.2.3 The balance of the Development Control Committee will remain the same but the independent seat allocated on that Committee will be given to Councillor W Graham as the only independent member.

5. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 5.1 Members are recommended to consider and approve this report and the revised allocation of seats and
- 5.2 To receive nominations from the Conservative and Labour Group to reflect the changes to the Committees more particularly mentioned in paragraph 4 and confirm the formal appointment of those nominations.

JOHN EGAN
HEAD OF LEGAL AND DEMOCRATIC SERVICES

CALCULATION OF AGGREGATE ENTITLEMENT TO SEATS

1. The political balance on the full Council is:-
24 Conservatives; 22 Labour; 5 Liberal Democrat and 1 Independent member
2. There are 67 seats in total on those Committees and Panels which are subject to the proportionality rules giving aggregate entitlements to the groups as follows:-

Conservatives	$\frac{24}{52} \times 67 = 30.92$	31 rounded up
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Labour	$\frac{22}{52} \times 67 = 28.34$	28 rounded down
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Liberal Democrat/Independent	$\frac{5}{52} \times 67 = 6.44$	6 rounded down
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Independent	Remaining 2 seats	
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APPENDIX

ALLOCATION OF SEATS ON COMMITTEES AND PANELS

	CONSERVATIVES	LABOUR	LIBERAL DEMOCRAT/ INDEPENDENT	INDEPENDENT
Licensing (8)	4 (3.69)	3 (3.38)	1 (0.76)	-
Development Control (12)	5 (5.53)	5 (5.07)	1 (1.15)	1
Overview Management (8)	4 (3.69)	3 (3.38)	1 (0.76)	-
Overview Community (8)	4 (3.69)	3 (3.38)	1 (0.76)	-
Overview Resources (8)	4 (3.69)	3 (3.38)	1 (0.76)	-
Overview Infrastructure (8)	4 (3.69)	3 (3.38)	1 (0.76)	-
Employment Panel (6)	3 (2.76)	3 (2.53)	- (0.57)	-
Appeals 1 (3)	1 (1.38)	2 (1.26)	- (0.28)	-
Appeals 2 (3)	1 (1.38)	2 (1.26)	- (0.28)	-
Appeals 3 (3)	1 (1.38)	1 (1.26)	- (0.28)	1
TOTAL	31	28	6	2