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Subject: Proportionality and Appointments to Committees and other bodies
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Summary: This report details the overall proportionality for the County Council and states that a supplementary report will be issued confirming the proposed number of seats on Committees and other bodies for the political groups and related matters.

Composition of the County Council

1. (1) Following the election on 2 May 2013 the composition of the County Council is now as follows:

Political Group	Number of seats	Proportion of seats
Conservative	45	53.57%
UKIP	17	20.24%
Labour	13	15.48%
Liberal Democrat	7	8.33%
Green	1	1.19%
Swanscombe and Greenhithe Residents Association	1	1.19%
Total	84	100%

Committee Appointments

2. (1) In order to reconstitute the Council's Committees in accordance with the committee structure as set out in the Constitution, the County Council is required to determine the number of Members to serve on each Committee and other bodies and the allocation of committee places between the political groups.

(2) Discussions as to the proportionate share of Committee places is currently under discussion between Group Leaders and a supplementary report will be issued to all Members with specific recommendations in due course.

Recommendations

The County Council will be asked to make a number of specific recommendations relating to the proportionality and the allocation of seats on Committees and other bodies as detailed in a supplementary paper to be issued in due course.

Peter Sass
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