

17 October 2018

COUNCIL MEETING – 18 OCTOBER 2018

ADDENDUM

ITEM 9 ON SUMMONS – COMMITTEE SEATS REVIEW

Following the resignation on Tuesday this week of Councillor Ms Shepperdson from the Residents' Associations of Runnymede (RAR) group and her joining the Conservative group, a revised updated report for item 9 is set out below to reflect this change. This report supercedes the report at item 9 on the Summons.

9. COMMITTEE SEATS REVIEW (LAW & GOVERNANCE)

Synopsis of report

To review the allocation of seats on the Council's Committees following the resignation of Councillor Cressey from the Residents' Associations of Runnymede Group and his wish to be an Independent Councillor, and the resignation of Councillor Ms Shepperdson from the Residents' Associations of Runnymede Group and her joining the Conservative Group.

RECOMMENDATION;

- a) the allocation of seats on the Committees named in paragraph 2.3 below be as set out in that paragraph;**
- b) the allocation of Committee seats to Members of Political Groups as previously requested by those groups in May 2018 be confirmed subject to the change to reflect c) below; and**
- c) Councillor Cressey be re-appointed to Community Services Committee and Standards and Audit Committee as an Independent Councillor, and Councillor Ms Shepperdson be re-appointed to Planning Committee and Regulatory Committee as a Conservative Councillor.**

1. Context of report

- 1.1** Following the resignation of Councillors Cressey and Ms Shepperdson from the Residents' Associations of Runnymede Group and their wish to be an Independent Councillor and Conservative Councillor respectively, Council are asked to consider revisions to the apportionment of total Committee seats and their appointment on individual Committees as shown below.

1.2 These allocations will again be reviewed at Annual Council on 15 May 2019 following the all-out Borough Election to be held on 2 May 2019.

2. Report

2.1 Political Composition of the Council

Following the resignation of Councillors Cressey and Ms Shepperdson from the Residents' Associations of Runnymede group, the political composition of the Council at the date of this Council meeting will be as Follows:-

	Seats	Approx % of Total
Conservative	33	78.57
Runnymede Independent Residents'	6	14.28
Residents' Associations of Runnymede	1	2.38
Labour	1	2.38
Independent	1	2.38

(NB – The Conservatives and the Runnymede Independent Residents' Members have constituted themselves as political groups in accordance with the 1989 Act).

2.2 Apportionment of Total Committee Seats

Under the structure previously agreed, and confirmed by the current Constitution the following Committees have been appointed (Standing Order 22.1) and have the following numbers of seats :

Corporate Management Committee	12
Environment and Sustainability Committee	10
Housing Committee	10
Community Services Committee	10
Planning Committee	15
Regulatory Committee	5
Overview and Scrutiny Select Committee (also functioning as the Crime and Disorder Committee)	9
Standards and Audit Committee	10

This gives a total of 81 seats to apportion amongst Members.

On the basis of the statutory principles, there is a total Committee seat entitlement for each political grouping as follows:-

Group	Total Committee Entitlement
Conservative	64
Runnymede Independent Residents'	11
	75

Having apportioned 75 seats to both political groups, the remaining 6 seats must be allocated to Councillor Ms Dent, Councillor Cressey and Councillor Mackay who are not part of a political group. It is for the Council to decide which Committees Councillor Ms Dent, Councillor Cressey and Councillor Mackay sit on. Councillor Ms Dent currently sits on Housing Committee and Community Services Committee, Councillor Cressey currently sits

on Community Services Committee and Standards and Audit Committee, and Councillor Mackay currently sits on Housing Committee and Overview and Scrutiny Select Committee .

2.3 Apportionment of Seats on Individual Committees

Seats on the main Committees should be allocated in order to give effect to the statutory principles.

The table below reflects the apportionment agreed at Annual Council in May this year, except that it now reflects the changes resulting from the resignation of Councillors Cressey and Ms Shepperdson from the RAR group.

	Political Groups					Total
	Con	RIRG	RAR	Lab	Ind	
Corporate Management Committee	10	2				12
Environment and Sustainability Committee	8	2				10
Housing Committee	7	1	1	1		10
Community Services Committee	7	1		1	1	10
Planning Committee	13	2				15
Regulatory Committee	4	1				5
Overview and Scrutiny Select & Crime and Disorder Committees	7	1	1			9
Standards and Audit Committee	8	1			1	10
Totals	64	11	2	2	2	81

2.4 Individual Membership of Committees

Once the Council has approved the manner of constituting the main Committees, then under the Act and Standing Orders it is necessary to make appointments on each Committee so as to give effect to the wishes of the relevant groups. **Unless wishes are expressed to the contrary by the Conservative and Runnymede Independent Residents' groups, it is recommended that no change be made to the Committee memberships as agreed at Annual Council in May this year and that Councillor Cressey continue to sit on Community Services Committee and Standards and Audit Committee, now as an Independent Councillor, and that Councillor Ms Shepperdson continue to sit on Planning Committee and Regulatory Committee, now as a Conservative Councillor.**

(To resolve)

Background papers

Notices of resignation by Cllr Cressey and Cllr Ms Shepperdson from RAR Group.