

Birmingham City Council

Report to City Council

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Is this a Key Decision?	No this is a decision reserved for Council
Reason(s) why not included on the Forward Plan and confirm who has authorised it to be considered:	Not applicable
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Has this decision been included on the Notification of Intention to consider Matters in Private? Not applicable

Reasons why not included on the Notification and confirm who has authorised it to be considered: Not applicable

1 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1.1 On 29th July 2025, the Council was notified of the resignation of Councillors Dring and J Jones from the Labour Group and their intention to sit as independent Members of the Council. In accordance with the Local Government (Committees and Political Groups) Regulations 1990 and Local Government and Housing Act 1989 Council is now required to undertake a political balance recalculation and any changes in proportionality are to be reflected in appointments to Committees.

2 COMMISSIONERS' REVIEW

2.1 Commissioners have no observations on the report

3 RECOMMENDATIONS

3.1 That, following changes to the political proportionality of the Council:

3.2 The Conservative Group be invited to nominate a Member to the XXXX Committee replacing Councillor YYYY (Labour).

4 KEY INFORMATION

Context

4.1 Political Groups on the Council are formed in accordance with the Local Government (Committees and Political Groups) Regulations 1990 when two or more Councillors notify the Chief Executive, as Proper Officer, of their wish to be treated as a Political Group.

4.2 For the political balance, a group is required to have at least two members in order to be formally constituted as a political group. By law, seats on committees must be allocated in proportion to the political composition of the Council.

4.3 The Local Government and Housing Act 1989 requires that as far as reasonably practicable, the following principles must be adhered to when determining the allocation of seats on committees to political groups:

(a) The seats on a committee cannot be allocated to members of one political group.

(b) The largest group on the council must be allocated the majority of seats on any committee.

(c) Subject to (a) and (b) the total number of committee seats allocated to each political group must reflect the proportion of total members of the authority from each political group.

(d) Subject to (a) to (c) above, the number of the seats on a committee which are allocated to each political group bears the same proportion to the number of all the seats on the committee as is borne by the number of members of that group to the membership of the authority.

4.4 The Local Government and Housing Act 1989 requires local authorities to review committee membership and political representation annually and when notice is received of a change in the size of the political groups.

4.5 In determining the allocation of seats on ordinary committees, the proportion that each political group forms of the total membership of the Council is applied to the total number of elected Member seats on each committee. Generally, fractional entitlements of less than one half are rounded down and entitlements of one half or more are rounded up. So that this process of rounding does not result in advantage to one political group, the aggregate membership of all the ordinary committees must also be in line with the proportions on the Council.

4.6 The political proportionality as at the date of the Annual General Meeting on 20 May 2025 was as follows:

Group	No of Cllrs that count toward PBC	As a % of 101	Seats to be allocated	Seats Rounded Up / Down
Labour	62	62.626%	70.14	70
Conservatives	22	22.222%	24.89	25
Lib Dems	13	13.131%	14.71	15
Greens	2	2.020%	2.26	2
Non-aligned (2)	0	0%	0	0
	99	100%	112	112

4.7 Following notification of the establishment of the Harborne and Quinton Independent Group, the political balance and seat allocations were recalculated in June 2025 and were confirmed as follows:

Group	No of Cllrs that count toward PBC	As a % of 101	Seats to be allocated	Seats Rounded Up / Down
Labour	62	61.39%	68.75	69
Conservatives	22	21.78%	24.40	24
Lib Dems	13	12.87%	14.42	15
Greens	2	1.98%	2.22	2
Harborne and Quinton Independent Group	2	1.98%	2.22	2
	101	100%	112	112

4.8 Following notification of the resignation of 2 members from the Labour Group, the political balance of the Council and associated seat allocations have been recalculated and confirmed as follows:

Group	No of Cllrs that count toward PBC	As a % of 99	Seats to be allocated	Seats Rounded Up / Down
Labour	60	60.61%	67.88	68
Conservatives	22	22.22%	24.89	25
Lib Dems	13	13.13%	14.71	15
Greens	2	2.02%	2.26	2
Harborne and Quinton Independent Group	2	2.02%	2.26	2

Non-aligned (2)	0	0%	0	0
	99	100%	112	112

Proposal and Reasons for Recommendations

4.9 The recommendations ensure that the Council is compliant with legislation.

Other Options Considered

4.10 No other options can be considered.

5 RISK MANAGEMENT

5.1 None associated with this report.

6 CONSULTATION

6.1 Council Business Management Committee were notified of the change in political proportionality at their meeting on 1 September 2025.

7 MEMBER ENGAGEMENT

Ward Councillor(s)

7.1 Not applicable

Overview and Scrutiny

7.2 Not applicable

Other

7.3 Not applicable

8 IMPACT AND IMPLICATIONS

Finance and Best Value

8.1 There are no financial implications associated with this report.

Legal

8.2 As set out in the main body of the report.

Equalities

8.3 There are no equalities issues arising from this report.

Procurement

8.4 None associated with this report.

People Services

8.5 None associated with this report.

Climate Change, Nature and Net Zero

8.6 None associated with this report.

Corporate Parenting

8.7 None associated with this report.

Other

8.8 None associated with this report.

9 APPENDICES

9.1 Appendix A - Political Balance Calculation.

10 BACKGROUND PAPERS

10.1 None

