

## REPORT TO COUNCIL

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meeting date: TUESDAY 12 OCTOBER 2021  
title: REVIEW OF POLITICAL BALANCE AND COMMITTEE  
ARRANGEMENTS FOR MUNICIPAL YEAR 2021/2022 FOLLOWING  
TWO BY-ELECTIONS IN CLITHEROE  
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### 1 PURPOSE

- 1.1 To revise the Council's current committee arrangements following a review of the political balance calculation.
- 1.2 Relevance to the Council's objectives and priorities –
  - Council's Objectives – whilst the Council's committee arrangements do not contribute directly to the achievement of the Council's objectives, they set the framework for the Council's decision-making processes.
  - Other considerations – the Council decided under the provisions of the Local Government Act 2000, after consultation with the electorate, to retain its committee arrangements rather than opt for an executive form of governance. This decision has been reconsidered and confirmed by the Policy & Finance committee.

### 2 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The basis of the Council's present committee structure was approved by the Policy and Finance Committee at its meeting on 3 April 2008.
- 2.2 The number of seats on each committee and the allocation of these seats is calculated in accordance with the political balance provisions of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989.
- 2.4 The political balance was recalculated and approved at the Annual Council on 18 May 2021.

### 3 ISSUES

- 3.1 Two members of the Council resigned in June 2021 and by-elections were called in the two wards of Clitheroe, namely Littlemoor and Primrose, and took place on Thursday 19 August 2021.
- 3.2 The calculation of seats is attached at Appendix A. This remains the same as in May 2021 as the two seats were replaced by Liberal Democrat councillors.
- 3.3 The new membership on committees following the recalculation is attached at Appendix B

### 4 RISK ASSESSMENT

- 4.1 The approval of this report may have the following implications:
  - Resources – the estimated costs of administering the committee arrangements in 2021/2022 are included in the approved budget for 2021/2022.
  - Technical, Environment and Legal – none.
  - Political – none.

- Reputation – none.

**5 RECOMMENDED THAT COUNCIL**

- 5.1 approves the allocation of committee seats as set out in Appendix A and confirms the appointment of members to committees as set out in Appendix B

MARSHAL SCOTT  
CHIEF EXECUTIVE

**BACKGROUND PAPERS**

- 1 Agenda for Annual Meeting of Council 18 May 2021

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