

**BOROUGH COUNCIL  
18 NOVEMBER 1998**

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**ALLOCATION OF SEATS ON COMMITTEES  
(Chief Executive)**

**1. INTRODUCTION**

It is anticipated that notice has been served that Councillor XXX wishes to join the XXXX Group. Service of such notice requires the Council to carry out a review of the allocation of seats on committees to political groups as soon as practicable.

**2. RECOMMENDATION**

**That, in view of the pending by-election for the Harmans Water Ward, a review of the allocation of seats on committees be deferred until the next following meeting of the Council.**

**3. ADVICE RECEIVED FROM STATUTORY AND OTHER OFFICERS**

3.1 Borough Solicitor

3.2 Borough Finance Officer

There are no financial implications arising directly from this report.

**4. SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

4.1 A notice has been served under Regulation 9 of the Local Government (Committees and Political Groups) Regulation 1990 advising that Councillor XX wishes to join the XXX Group. As a result the Council is required to carry out a review of the allocation of seats to political groups as soon as practicable.

4.2 There is currently a vacancy for the Harmans Water Ward and a by-election must be held within 35 days of written notice of the vacancy being given to the authority by two electors for the area. In these circumstances it is felt that it is not practicable to conduct a review of the allocation of seats until the Council meeting following the anticipated by-election. To conduct such a review at this point would result in a further review at the next Council meeting in any event, followed by a specified review at the annual meeting in May. Deferring the review will enable the Council to make appointments to the vacant seats on committees together with other consequential adjustments within the allocations determined at the annual meeting of the Council.

Background Papers

None – Published works only

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