

Cherwell District Council

Council

16 June 2018

Result of Bicester West Election

Report of Chief Executive

This report is public

Purpose of report

To advise Council of the result of the election for the Bicester West ward held on 21 June 2018, to note the constitution of the council, political balance calculations and allocation of seats on committees that are subject to the political balance requirements following the election.

1.0 Recommendations

The meeting is recommended:

- 1.1 To note the results of the election for the Bicester West ward held on 21 June 2018.
- 1.2 To note the constitution of the Council, the political balance calculations and the allocation of seats on committees that are subject to the political balance requirements following the election.
- 1.3 To note the appointments and amendments to Committees by the Independent Group in light of the revised allocation of seats on committees that are subject to the political balance requirements.

2.0 Introduction

- 2.1 Following the sad death of a candidate for the election to the Bicester West ward scheduled to take place on 3 May 2018, the election was deferred and held on 21 June 2018.
- 2.2 Following a district election the result is reported to Council for information. As the seat had been vacant due to the postponed election, the political balance calculations and allocation of seats to committee that are subject to the political balance requirements have been reviewed and appointments to Committees made accordingly.

3.0 Report Details

3.1 The overall turnout for the election for the Bicester West ward held on 21 June 2018 was 33.3%.

3.2 The number of votes cast for the candidates was:

John Leslie Broad (Independent) - 877 votes

Mark Chivers (Liberal Democrats) - 64 votes

David Edward Stephen Lydiat (The Conservative Party Candidate) - 716 votes

Stuart Allan Moss (Labour and Co-operative Party) - 439 votes

Robert Joseph Nixon (The Green Party) – 72 votes

3.3 John Leslie Broad (Independent) was duly elected.

3.4 Councillor Broad has advised the Chief Executive that he will be a member of the Independent Group

3.5 Following the election, the constitution of the Council and political groups is:

Conservative: 36 (75%)

Labour: 9 (19%)

Independent: 3 (6%)

3.6 Following the election, the allocation of seats to committees that are political balance calculations are set out in the table below. There are no changes to the allocation of seats to committees that are not subject to political balance calculations.

Political Balance	TOTAL	CON	IND	LAB
Accounts, Audit & Risk Committee	8	6	0	2
Appeals Panel	10	7	1	2
Budget Planning Committee	12	9	1	2
Joint Appeals Committee	3	2	0	1
Joint Commissioning Committee	6	5	0	1
Joint Scrutiny Committee	5	4	0	1
Licensing Committee	12	9	1	2
Overview & Scrutiny	12	9	1	2

Personnel Committee	12	9	1	2
Planning Committee	18	14	1	3
Standards Committee	8	6	0	2
Proportional Total by Committee	106	80	6	20
Aggregate Entitlement	106	80	6	20
Adjustment Required	N/A	0	0	0

3.7 As a result of the revised allocation of seats to committees that are subject to the political balance requirements, there are no adjustments required in terms of political groups being required to give away or receive seats.

3.8 The Independent Group is entitled to two additional seats that were previously vacant, on the Appeals Panel and the Personnel Committee.

3.9 The Leader of the Independent Group has given notice that the appointments will be as follows:

Appeals Panel: Councillor John Broad

Personnel Committee: Councillor Alaric Rose

3.10 The Leader of the Independent Group has also given notice of the following amendment to committee membership:

Planning Committee: Remove Councillor Alaric Rose as substitute; Add Councillor John Broad as substitute

3.11 All other appointments to Committees remain as appointed at the Annual Council meeting held on 15 May 2018.

4 Conclusion and Reasons for Recommendations

4.1 The result of the election for the Bicester West ward is submitted to Council for information. Council is required to agree the allocation of seats on committees that are subject to the political balance requirements and appointments to Committees in accordance with nominations made by political groups.

5.0 Consultation

Political Group Leaders

6.0 Alternative Options and Reasons for Rejection

- 6.1 The following alternative options have been identified and rejected for the reasons as set out below.

Option 1: To amend the appointments to Committees. However Council is obliged to appoint members to Committees in accordance with the wishes of the relevant political group.

7.0 Implications

Financial and Resource Implications

- 7.1 There are no direct financial implications arising from this report

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Legal Implications

- 7.2 It is a legal requirement for Council to agree proportionality and appoint committees.

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Risk Implications

- 7.3 In ensuring the legal requirements are met, risk to the authority is mitigated.

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8.0 Decision Information

Wards Affected

All

Links to Corporate Plan and Policy Framework

All

Lead Councillor

None

Document Information

Appendix No	Title
None	
Background Papers	
None	
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