

# Council Assembly

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Town Hall, Peckham Road, London SE5 8UB

## Supplemental Agenda No. 2

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# Agenda Item 9.2

<b>Item No.</b> 9.2	<b>Classification:</b> Open	<b>Date:</b> January 27 2010	<b>Meeting Name:</b> Council Assembly
<b>Report title:</b>		Proportionality - Addendum Report	
<b>Ward(s) or groups affected:</b>		All	
<b>From:</b>		Strategic Director of Communities, Law & Governance	

## RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That council assembly reviews proportionality on the council's ordinary committees following recent membership changes on the council.
2. That, in light of Councillor Olajumoke Oyewunmi joining the Liberal Democrat group, council assembly adopts the following allocation as the most proportionate:

**Option 3** – The total number of seats on ordinary committee remains at 35 seats, with a revised allocation on corporate parenting committee (see paragraph 8 of the report and Appendix)

## BACKGROUND INFORMATION

3. Since the publication of the report on the main agenda, the monitoring officer has received notification that Councillor Olajumoke Oyewunmi has joined the Liberal Democrat group. As a consequence officers have updated the recommended proportionality on the council's ordinary committees and included a new option 3 in this report.
4. From January 19 2010 the overall allocation of seats on the council is:

	No of seats	%
Liberal Democrat	28	45.16
Labour	27	43.55
Conservative	6	9.68
Green	1	1.61
Independent	0	0.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>100</b>

## KEY ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION

### Ordinary Committees

5. The ordinary committees on the council are: appointments, planning, audit and governance, disciplinary appeals and corporate parenting committees. The current allocation on ordinary committees is set out in the main report.
6. The main agenda item suggested two options for allocating places on the ordinary committees. Option 1 is no longer proportionate. Option 2 which recommended no change is still available, however this would require the unanimous agreement of all councillors present and voting. A new option 3 with the most proportionate allocation on ordinary committees is set out below.

7. The total number of seats on ordinary committees and the allocation of seats to individual committees are agreed by council assembly. This allocation must provide the lowest total discrepancy compared to the ideal proportional allocation.

### Option 3

8. The total number of seats on ordinary committee remains at 35 seats (see Appendix 1). Effect: Reduces the Labour allocation on corporate parenting committee by one, and increases the Liberal Democrat allocation on this committee by one giving a revised allocation of:

<b>Committee</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Liberal Democrat</b>	<b>Labour</b>	<b>Conservative</b>
<b>Committee 5</b> (In 2009-10 Corporate Parenting Committee)	<b>8</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>

There are no other changes to other committees. This gives a total discrepancy of 1.04.

Comments:

- Lowest total discrepancy
- Minimal changes to committees

Option 3 is the most proportionate option.

### Other committees

9. Proportionality on other committees is unaffected by the recent changes.

### Legal implications

10. Section 15 (1) of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 states that it the "duty of the relevant authority having power from time to time to make appointments to a body to which this section applies to review the representation of different groups" where the members are divided into different political groups.

### REASON FOR URGENCY

11. The recent membership change has implications for the options set out in the main report. This report updates councillors on the most proportionate option and should be considered in conjunction with the main report.

### REASON FOR LATENESS

12. The monitoring officer received notification that Councillor Olajumoke Oyewunmi had joined the Liberal Democrat group after the publication of the main agenda.

**BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS**

<b>Background Papers</b>	<b>Held At</b>	<b>Contact</b>
Appointment of Leader and Executive, Establishment of Committees and Other Constitutional Issues 2009-10, Council Assembly May 2009 report	160 Tooley Street, London SE1 2LX	Ian Millichap 020 7525 7225
Council Assembly January 27 2010 – Proportionality Report – Main agenda	160 Tooley Street, London SE1 2LX	Ian Millichap 020 7525 7225

**APPENDICES**

<b>Appendix</b>	<b>Title</b>
Appendix	Proportionality – Ordinary Committees - Option 3

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<b>CONSULTATION WITH OTHER OFFICERS / DIRECTORATES / EXECUTIVE MEMBER</b>		
<b>Officer Title</b>	<b>Comments Sought</b>	<b>Comments Included</b>
Strategic Director of Communities, Law & Governance	Yes	Yes (included in body of report)
<b>Executive Member</b>	No	No
<b>Date final report sent to Constitutional Support Services</b>	January 21 2010	

### PROPORTIONALITY - ORDINARY COMMITTEES – OPTION 3

#### Proportionality

	No of seats	%
Liberal Democrat	28	45.16
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Conservative	6	9.68
Green	1	1.61
Independent	0	0.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>100</b>

Note: The Local Government and Housing Act 1989 covers the allocation of seats to political groups, it makes no provision for single independent members so they do not form part of the proportionality allocations for ordinary committees.

#### Ideal Number of Ordinary Committee Places

Total places	Liberal Democrat	Labour	Conservative
<b>35</b>	15.81	15.24	3.39

Note: The ideal allocations set out in the table above are based on each political group's percentage allocation on the council.

#### Proposed allocation of seats on ordinary committees – Option 3

	Lib Dem	Lab	Cons	Total	Total Discrepancy
<b>Committee 1</b> (Appointments Committee)	3	3	1		
<b>Committee 2</b> (Planning Committee)	3	3	1		
<b>Committee 3</b> (Disciplinary Appeals Committee)	4	4	0		
<b>Committee 4</b> (Audit and Governance Committee)	2	2	1		
<b>Committee 5</b> (Corporate Parenting Committee)	4	3	1		
<b>Total no. of seats</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>35</b>	
<b>Discrepancy</b>	<b>-0.19</b>	<b>0.24</b>	<b>-0.61</b>		<b>1.04</b>

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