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Purpose : for Decision

## REPORT TO THE COUNCIL

Date : **23 FEBRUARY 2004**

Title : **CHANGES TO POLITICAL PROPORTIONALITY**

## REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

**IMPLEMENTATION DATE** : 23 February 2004

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### SUMMARY

1. To agree a new scheme on the political proportionality for Committees following the resignation of Mrs Lawson from the Island First Group but not joining any other party.

### OPTIONS

2. The legislation requires that the Council review the representation of different political groups on Committees/Panels following a number of events, one of which is when there has been a change to a political group.

### BACKGROUND

3. The political make up of the Council is now:

Island First:	27
Conservatives:	13
Labour:	3
Mrs Foster (True Isle of Wight Independent):	1
Mr Buckle:	1
Mr Mazillius:	1
Mr Bowker:	1
Mrs Lawson:	1

4. I have received notice that Mrs Lawson has resigned from the Island First Group. I attach at appendix A the necessary calculation for the different size of Committees.
5. The legislation also requires that the total of all the seats on the Committees of the Council must also be in proportion to the proportions on the Council as a whole. The effect of the changes are as follows:

Island First:	One less on seat on each of the following: Development Control Committee (can be a Deputy); and Resources Select Committees
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Conservatives:	No Change
Labour:	No Change
Mrs Lawson:	To have two seats as decided by Council

6. The various changes required have been discussed with the affected Group and agreement on the changes required have been reached and these are detailed in Appendix 2.

#### RECOMMENDATIONS

1. THAT Council approve the political distribution for Committees as set out in appendix A.
2. THAT the distribution of seats across the Committees be as set out in Appendix B and that the various seats be filled in accordance with the wishes of the various Groups.
3. THAT the Council appoint Mrs Lawson to the Resources Select Committee and as a Deputy to the Development Control Committees.

#### BACKGROUND PAPERS

E-mail from Mrs Lawson dated 13 January 2004.

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COMMITTEES/PANEL

READY RECKONER

No of Seats	Island 1st	Cons.	Lab.	Mrs Foster	Mr Buckle	Mr Mazillius	Mr Bowker	Mrs Lawson
3	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
4	3	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
5	3	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
6	4	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
7	4	2	1	-	-	-	-	-
8	5	2	1	-	-	-	-	-
9	5	3	1	-	-	-	-	-
10	6	3	1	-	-	-	-	-
11	7	3	1	-	-	-	-	-
12	7	4	1	-	-	-	-	-
13	8	4	1	-	-	-	-	-
14	8	4	1	1*	1*	1*	1*	1*
15	9	4	1	1*	1*	1*	1*	1*
16	9	5	1	1*	1*	1*	1*	1*
17	10	5	1	1*	1*	1*	1*	1*
18	11	5	1	1*	1*	1*	1*	1*
19	11	5	2	1*	1*	1*	1*	1*
20	11	6	2	1*	1*	1*	1*	1*
21	12	6	2	1*	1*	1*	1*	1*
22	13	6	2	1*	1*	1*	1*	1*
23	13	7	2	1*	1*	1*	1*	1*
24	14	7	2	1*	1*	1*	1*	1*
25	14	7	2	1+	1+	1+	1+	1+

Island 1<sup>st</sup> Group : 27 members  
 Conservative Group : 13 members  
 Labour Group : 3 members  
 Mrs Foster : 1 member  
 Mr Buckle : 1 member  
 Mr Mazillius : 1 member  
 Mr Bowker : 1 member  
 Mrs Lawson : 1 member

\* these seats have to be shared between these five groups  
 + two from these five groups

PROPORTIONALITY ACROSS COMMITTEES

	Total No. of Seats	Island First	Con.	Labour	Mrs Foster	Mr Buckle	Mr Mazillius	Mr Bowker	Mrs Lawson
Executive (NOT Proportionate)	10	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Licensing	10(+3)	8	4	1+		1*			
Development Control	14(+6)	11	6	1	1				1
Regulatory Appeals Committee	15	8	4	1		1*	1		
Education and Lifelong Learning	12	7	4	1					
Social Services and Housing	12	7	3	1			1		
Environment, Transport etc	12	7	4	0				1#	
Economic Development etc	12	7	3	1				1	
Resources	12	7	3	1					1
Fire and Public Safety	12	7	3	1	1				
Standards	2(+3)	3	1	1					

\* allocated to Mr Buckle but not filled by the Council.  
 + filled by Mr Mazillius on behalf of the Labour Group.  
 #allocated to Mr Bowker but not filled at his request.