
ELY SOUTH DISTRICT WARD BY-ELECTION RESULT & MEMBERSHIP OF COMMITTEES

Council

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1.0 **ISSUE**

1.1 To receive details of the result of the Ely South By-Election held on 7 September 2017 and the allocation of seats on Committees, etc, arising therefrom.

2.0 **RECOMMENDATION**

2.1 That Council:

Notes the election of Councillor Christine Whelan as a District Councillor for the Ely South Ward and the allocation of seats on Committees, etc, to her arising therefrom detailed at Appendix 3.

3.0 **BACKGROUND**

3.1 Following the By-Election held on 7 September 2017 for the vacancy in the Ely South District Ward created by the resignation of former Councillor Tom Hunt due to his appointment as Political Assistant to the Mayor of the Combined Authority, Councillor Christine Whelan was elected. Councillor Whelan has given notification that she wishes to join the Liberal Democrat Group.

3.2 Under Section 15(5)(a) of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989, all seats on a Committee/Sub-Committee cannot be allocated to the same Political Group. This means that since the Council has only two constituted Political Groups (the Conservative and Liberal Democrat Groups), the Liberal Democrat Group must have one seat on each Committee/Sub-Committee. As a result, there is no change to the overall allocation of places on Committees, etc, in accordance with the requirements of the Proportionality rules. However, the revised Proportionality calculations are detailed in Appendix 1 and 2 for Member's information.

3.3 The Liberal Democrat Group Leader, Councillor Lorna Dupré, has been informed of the number of places available on each Committee to be filled by her Group and has advised of the places on Committees to be allocated to Councillor Whelan. These are detailed at Appendix 3.

4.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

4.1 None arising from this report.

5.0 APPENDICES

Appendix 1 & 2 – revised Proportionality Calculations

Appendix 3 – revised Liberal Democrat Committee allocations

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Local Government (Committees and Political Groups) Regulations 1990		