

**AGENDA ITEM NO  
ADDENDUM TO REPORT NO 136/21**

**ANGUS COUNCIL – 13 MAY 2021**

**PROPOSED CHANGES TO COMMITTEES TO COMPLY WITH THE PRINCIPLES  
OF POLITICAL BALANCE AND DETAILS OF APPOINTMENTS- ADDENDUM TO  
REPORT NO 136/21**

**ADDENDUM BY THE DIRECTOR OF LEGAL AND DEMOCRATIC SERVICES**

**1. ABSTRACT**

Report No 136/21 is an item on the agenda for the meeting of Angus Council on 13 May.

Councillor Moore has now intimated that he has re-joined the Administration Group and consequently the committee allocations require to be reviewed to reflect this change.

**2. RECOMMENDATIONS**

The Council is now also asked to:

1. To note the resignations of both Cllrs Speed and Lawrie from the Administration Group;
2. To note that Cllr Moore has re-joined the Administration Group;
3. To note that in light of 2 above, the options detailed in Tables 2 and 3 in Report No 136/21 are no longer valid;
4. To note that in light of 2 above, only minimal changes are required to the existing committee structure;
5. Approve the change to the membership of the Civic Licensing Committee and accordingly approves the proposal to reduce the membership of the Civic Licensing Committee to 9;
6. Agree which member will now no longer serve on the Civic Licensing Committee, taking into account the principles of political balance;
7. Approves the same changes to the Angus Licensing Board and membership, in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 1 of Schedule 1 of the Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005; and
8. Give consideration to any changes to appointments, as detailed in Section 5 of Report No 136/21.

**3. BACKGROUND**

Members will be aware that Councillors Speed and Lawrie recently resigned from the Administration Group. Details of the consequential changes to committee allocations are detailed in Report No 136/21. This Report was issued prior to notification being received that Councillor Moore has re-joined the Administration Group.

Consequently, this Addendum has been produced to provide members with an up to date position with regard to political balance and committee allocations, as shown below.

New Admin Group Numbers (and %)	SNP Group Numbers (and %)	New Non Aligned (and %)
15 (54%)	9 (32%)	4 (14%)

**4. EXISTING COMMITTEE STRUCTURE**

The application and effect **in terms of political balance** on the existing committee structure is shown in Table 4 below.

This option only requires changes to be made to the membership of Civic Licensing Committee. Members will note that by convention the membership of the Licensing Board has been the same in terms of numbers as the Civic Licensing Committee.

It should also be noted that the option of retaining the membership of 10 for Civic Licensing Committee (and Angus Licensing Board) would leave one place unallocated when applying the principles of political balance. There is an option to increase the Civic Licensing Committee membership to 11 but this cannot be the case for the Licensing Board as the requirements of the Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005 (para 1 of Schedule 1) states that a Board can have not fewer than 5 members and no more than 10 as determined by the Council. Taking all these factors into account, it is recommended that the membership of the Licensing Board and Civic Licensing Committee be 9 members.

In terms of the Scrutiny and Audit Committee Standing Order 32(3) stipulates not less than 8 must be non admin.

<b>TABLE 4 (Option 3)</b>	New Administration Group – 15 (54%)	Allocation SNP Group – 9 (32.14%)	New Allocation Non Aligned – 4 (14.28%)	Comment
Policy and Resources (15)	(8.1) 8	(4.82) 5	(2.1) 2	No change
Communities (15)	8	5	2	No change
Children and Learning (15)	8	5	2	SNP Group currently have a non aligned place which was not taken up by a non aligned member at the statutory meeting.
Development Standards (13)	(7.02) 7	(4.16) 4	(1.82) 2	If no changes were made the Administration Group would now have 8 members, using 1 of the 2 non aligned places. So to strictly apply political balance 1 place should be offered to

				a non aligned member.
Civic Licensing (10)	(5.4) 5	(3.2) 3	(1.4) 1	One place unallocated.
Civic Licensing (9)	(4.86) 5	(2.88) 3	(1.26)	This would mean that the Admin Group places would reduce by 1 and a member of the Admin Group would need to come off the committee
Scrutiny and Audit (13)	4	7	2	No change

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**NOTE:** No background papers, as defined by Section 50D of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 (other than any containing confidential or exempt information) were relied on to a material extent in preparing the above report.