

Late Sheet - Society, Environment, and Council Development Executive Advisory Board on Thursday, 8 September 2016

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**SOCIETY, ENVIRONMENT, AND COUNCIL DEVELOPMENT
EXECUTIVE ADVISORY BOARD**

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

**AGENDA ITEM 6: COUNCILLOR INVOLVEMENT IN THE PREPARATION OF THE
BUDGET: PROPOSED JOINT EAB BUDGET WORKING GROUP**

Since the publication of the agenda for this meeting, some concerns have been expressed in relation to fair representation of political groups on the proposed Joint EAB Budget Working Group.

Councillors are reminded that there is no legal requirement for working groups to be politically balanced, or even include cross-party representation. However, in order to provide some reassurance, Councillor Matt Furniss, in his capacity as Lead Councillor with responsibility for Governance, has suggested that the proposed membership of the new working group should be increased to **eight** and its political composition should reflect that of its predecessor group – the Finance Scrutiny Group, which was:

4 x Conservatives,
2 x Liberal Democrats,
1 x Guildford Greenbelt Group member, and
1 x Labour member.

As both EABs are nominating half of the membership of the working group, under this suggestion, each EAB would nominate four councillors.

If the EABs are happy with this, it is suggested, based on the political composition of the two EABs, that the Society EAB this evening nominates:

1 x Conservative member
1 x Liberal Democrat member
1 x GGG member, and
1 x Labour member

and the Borough EAB on Monday evening nominates:

3 x Conservative members and
1 x Liberal Democrat member

In order to maintain maximum flexibility on membership of the working group, it is proposed that nominees need not necessarily be full members of a particular EAB; for example, it would be perfectly permissible if substitute members of any EAB were nominated.

In addition, if for any reason a nominated member were unable to attend a meeting of the working group, it would also be permissible for that member to ask a political group colleague to substitute for them.

Nominations received:
Councillor Colin Cross

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