

EAST HERTS COUNCIL

COUNCIL – 30 SEPTEMBER 2009

10. REPORT BY HEAD OF DEMOCRATIC  
AND LEGAL SUPPORT SERVICES

HIGHWAYS JOINT MEMBER PANEL

WARD(S) AFFECTED: All

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**Purpose/Summary of Report**

- To amend the Partnership Agreement between the County and the District Council to effect an increase in the Highways Panel membership.

<b><u>RECOMMENDATION FOR DECISION: that</u></b>	
<b>(A)</b>	<b>the Highways Partnership Agreement be amended so that the membership comprises 16 Members of which 8 Members are District Members and 8 Members are County Members;</b>
<b>(B)</b>	<b>seats be allocated to political groups as follows:</b>
	<b>Conservative 7</b>
	<b>Liberal Democrats 1</b>
<b>(C)</b>	<b>the following 8 Members be appointed to represent the District Council:</b>
	<b>Councillors XXX</b>
<b>(D)</b>	<b>the Monitoring Officer be authorised to amend the Constitution accordingly.</b>

1.0 Background

1.1 The Council works in partnership with the County Council under a Partnership Agreement to offer advice and recommendations on

highways matters within the remit of the Highways Panel, as set out in the Council's Constitution.

## 2.0 Report

2.1 The County Council (HCC) is seeking to amend the Partnership Agreement by increasing the size of the Panel. Currently, the Panel comprises 12 Members – 6 each from the County and District Council. HCC has proposed an increase to 16 Members with each Council appointing 8 Members.

2.2 In May 2009, the District Council allocated seats on the Panel to political groups as follows:

Conservative	5
Liberal Democrats	1

The following appointments were made:

Councillors A L Burlton, A D Dodd, R Gilbert, N C Poulton, R Taylor and B Wrangles  
(substitutes – Councillors R N Copping, M Wood, C Woodward)

2.3 The Council is invited to consider HCC's request to appoint 2 additional Members. If so, the allocation of seats to political groups would be:

Conservative	7
Liberal Democrats	1

## 3.0 Implications/Consultations

3.1 Information on any corporate issues and consultation associated with this report can be found within **Essential Reference Paper 'A' (Page 249)**.

### Background Papers

The Constitution (can be viewed at:  
[http://80.168.51.108/media/pdf/b/3/Part\\_3\\_-\\_Responsibility\\_for\\_Functions.pdf](http://80.168.51.108/media/pdf/b/3/Part_3_-_Responsibility_for_Functions.pdf))

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## ESSENTIAL REFERENCE PAPER 'A'

Contribution to the Council's Corporate Priorities/ Objectives	<p><b>Pride in East Herts</b> <i>Improve standards of the neighbourhood and environmental management in our towns and villages.</i></p> <p><b>Leading the way, working together</b> <i>Deliver responsible community leadership that engages with our partners and the public.</i></p>
Consultation:	Discussions have taken place with the County Council.
Legal:	Approving these recommendations will require an amendment to the Partnership Agreement and the Constitution. Seats must be allocated to political groups in accordance with the rules of proportionality.
Financial:	None.
Human Resource:	None.
Risk Management:	None.