

**SOUTH EAST ENGLAND COUNCILS
EXECUTIVE MEETING**

Date: 7 June 2011

Subject: **Political Balance on SEEC Executive following
May 2011 Local Elections**

Report of: Cllr Paul Watkins, SEEC Secretary



Recommendation:

That Members note the results of the May 2011 local election results and the implications for allocation of seats by political party on the SEEC Executive.

1. Determining political balance on SEEC's Executive

- 1.1 SEEC's constitution sets out a formula for allocating seats on the SEEC Executive to political parties in proportion to the percentage of the vote that each party receives across the 74 South East local authorities.
- 1.2 The constitution also specifies a minimum vote threshold. This means that Executive seats are only allocated to parties achieving more than 5% of total councillors in the South East.
- 1.3 The template for Executive seats has been recalculated to reflect the results of local elections on 5 May 2011. Some rounding is required to deliver a whole number of places on the Executive for each party.
- 1.4 Although changes in vote share this year were larger than in 2010, once votes for parties with less than 5% of seats are excluded from the calculation to produce the adjusted vote percentage in the table below, the allocation of seats in 2011 remains the same as it was in 2010. The new template is:

Political Party	Total vote % 2010	Total vote % 2011	Adjusted Vote % 2011*	Executive seats	Change from Last Year
Conservative	64.61%	66.85%	70.98%	13	No change
Liberal Democrat	22.06%	17.78%	18.88%	4	No change
Labour	8.27%	9.55%	10.14%	2	No change
Other (various parties)	5.05%	5.83%	-	-	No change
Total				19	

* Excludes votes cast for parties holding less than 5% of councillor seats in the South East

- 1.5. This template will come into effect following the SEEC AGM on 14 July 2011.

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SEEC Secretary
31 May 2011