

**SOUTH EAST ENGLAND COUNCILS
EXECUTIVE MEETING**



Date: 16 June 2010

Subject: **Political Balance on SEEC Executive following
May 2010 Local Elections**

Report of: Cllr Paul Watkins, SEEC Secretary

Recommendation:

That Members note the results of the May 2010 local election results and the implications for allocation of seats by political party on the SEEC Executive.

Introduction

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.
2. The constitution also specifies a minimum vote threshold. This means that Executive seats are only allocated to parties achieving more than 5% of the total South East vote.
3. The template for Executive seats has been recalculated to reflect the results of local elections on 6 May 2010. Some rounding is required to deliver the correct number of places on the Executive. Relatively minor changes in the percentage of votes achieved by each party mean the allocation of seats in 2010 remains the same as it was in 2009. The new template is:

Political Party	Percentage of Votes 2010	Executive Seats	Change from Last Year
Conservative	64.61%	13	No change
Liberal Democrat	22.06%	4	No change
Labour	8.27%	2	No change
Other	5.05%	-	No change
Total		19	

4. This template will come into effect following the SEEC AGM on 14 July 2010.

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