

Rother District Council

COUNCIL MEETING

4 July 2022

REPORT OF THE RETURNING OFFICER

BY- ELECTION – 16 JUNE 2022

1. I have to report the result of the by-election held on Thursday, 16 June 2022 to elect a District Councillor for the Brede and Udimore Ward following the death of Councillor J.M. Johnson.

Brede and Udimore

GORDON, Neil (Con) – 424 – **ELECTED**

GRIFFITHS, Martin Paul (Liberal Democrat) – 266

% Turnout = 38

2. Following the election I have also to report that:
 - (i) Councillor Neil Gordon has given formal notice of his wish to join the Conservative group;
 - (ii) The revised membership of Political Groups is as follows:

Conservative	15
Association of Independents	12
Liberal Democrat & Green	8
Labour	2
Independent Member	1
	<u>38</u>

3. Following the by-election a review of the committee seats has been undertaken, in accordance with the Local Government and Housing Act, 1989, resulting in no change to the overall seat allocation.
4. Councillor Neil Gordon has been appointed to the Licensing and General Purposes and Planning Committees in accordance with the Group Leader's wishes.

Change in Substitute Membership

5. In accordance with paragraph 5.6(a) of the Council Procedure Rules, notice is also given that Councillor Mary Barnes has been appointed as the Conservative Substitute on the Overview and Scrutiny Committee in place of Councillor Gennette Stevens.

Malcolm Johnston
Returning Officer