

**BLYTH TOWN COUNCIL**  
**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
**MONDAY 17 MAY 2021**  
**Decision Report**

**1. It is recommended that the total current number of representatives on Committees and Sub Committees be increased from 36 to 39 for Committees and 36 to 40 for Sub Committees.**

**Ward**

Not ward specific.

**Risk Analysis**

Within the Standing Orders and Governance arrangements.

**Objective**

Following the results of the election of Members to the Town Council, the alternative proposal will allow an easier allocation of numbers to Committees and Sub Committees.

Standing Order No. 4ai

The structure of the Council Committees and Sub Committees are set out in the standing orders of the Council. The present three Committees have 36 (12 each Committee) members and four Sub Committees 36 (9 each Sub Committee) members. When the new political proportions after the recent elections are applied to work out the representation on the Committees and Sub Committees, there is no precise rounding answer inasmuch two parties end up with a half a seat each. To overcome this problem, it is suggested the number of seats be increased for Committees and Sub Committees to 39 and 40, respectively. This will enable a more precise allocation of seats to each party to be made after rounding.

**Joseph Hughes**  
**Town Clerk**

**10 May 2021**