Background and introduction

1 The current quorum of the Council is half the whole number of members. The current membership of the Council is 16 so there have to be 8 members present for the meeting to be quorate.

Purpose

2 The purpose of this paper is to ask Council to agree that the Council is quorate with 5 members present.

Recommendation

3 The Council is recommended to agree that the quorum of the Council should be 5 members.

Key points/issues

4 In order for the decisions of the Council to be valid there have to be a minimum number of members present. The current position is that there have to be 8 members present for the meeting to be quorate. Although generally this does not present a problem there have been occasions where due to low attendance and members needing leave before the end of the meeting when quoracy has been a problem. It is therefore proposed that the quorum of the council is reduced to 5 members.
Legal implications
5 The legal implications are set out in the paper.

Financial implications
6 There are no financial implications.

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