

## REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

### RECOGNITION OF GROUP

#### Purpose of the Report

1. To report details of the membership of the Liberal Democrat and Social Democrat Group, previously known as the Liberal Democrats Group together with the names of officers appointed within the Group.

#### Information and Advice

2. Legislation allows Members to give notice that they wish to be treated as a political group by issuing a notice signed by all members of that group.
3. Appropriate notice has been received in respect of the formation of a political group, the Liberal Democrat and Social Democrat Group, which is to replace the Liberal Democrats Group
4. The membership of the Liberal Democrat and Social Democrat Group is the following 9 Members:-

Fiona Asbury  
Steve Carr  
Michelle Gent  
Stan Heptinstall MBE  
Keith Longdon

Rachel Madden  
Ken Rigby  
Brian Wombwell  
Jason Zadrozny

#### Officers

**Leader:** Jason Zadrozny  
**Deputy Leader :** Ken Rigby  
**Chief Whip:** Steve Carr

5. The overall political balance of the Council remains as follows:-

	<u>Number</u>	<u>%</u>
Conservative Group	35	52.24
Labour Group	15	22.39
Liberal Democrat and Social Democrat Group	9	13.43
Independent Group	8	11.94

Regulations made under the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 require that seats on Committees and Sub-Committees are allocated to the political groups in a way which reflects the overall balance of the Council. No changes are necessary to the allocation of seats.

### **Reason for Recommendation**

6. To inform Council of the change of name of a political group and to confirm that this will mean that the political balance within the Council will remain the same.

### **Statutory and Policy Implications**

7. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of finance, equal opportunities, personnel, crime and disorder and those using the service and where such implications are material they have been described in the text of the report

### **RECOMMENDATION**

1. That the membership of the Liberal Democrat and Social Democrat Group be noted.
2. That, in accordance with Standing Orders, the Officers of the Group be recognised.

**Mick Burrows**  
**Chief Executive**

**For any enquiries about this report please contact:**

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### **Constitutional Comments (SLB 24/10/2011)**

8. County Council is the appropriate body to consider the content of this report.

### **Background Papers**

Notice signed by all Group Members

### **Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected**

ALL