

REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

RECOGNITION OF MEMBERS AND OFFICERS OF GROUPS

Purpose of the Report

1. To report details of the membership of the political groups, together with the names of officers appointed within the Groups

Information and Advice

2. The Committees and Political Groups Regulations made under the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 provide for Members to be treated as divided into different political groups when there is a notice delivered which states:-

- that the Members who have signed it wish to be treated as a political group.
- the name of the group and
- the name of one Member of the group who has signed the notice and who is to act as its leader.

The notice may also specify the name of one other member of the group who has signed the notice and who is authorised to act in the place of the leader when s/he is unable to act (the deputy leader).

3. Appropriate notices have been received in respect of the formation of 4 political groups. The groups are:-

- the Nottinghamshire County Labour Group
- the Nottinghamshire County Council Conservative Group
- the Liberal Democrats Group
- the Independents Group

4. The memberships of the groups are shown in the Appendix to this report. The Appendix also gives details of the officers elected by the Groups. This means that the overall political balance of the Council is as follows:-

	<u>Number</u>	<u>%</u>
Labour Group	34	50.75
Conservative Group	21	31.34
Liberal Democrat Group	8	11.94
Independent Group	3	4.48
Other	1	1.49

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. Details of these are dealt with elsewhere in the agenda.

Reason for Recommendations

5. It is necessary for Council to recognise the political Groups on the Council and their Officers.

Statutory and Policy Implications

6. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of finance, the public sector equality duty, human resources, crime and disorder, human rights, the safeguarding of children, sustainability and the environment and those using the service and where such implications are material they are described below. Appropriate consultation has been undertaken and advice sought on these issues as required.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1) That the membership of the political groups be noted.
- 2) That, in accordance with the Procedure Rules, the Officers of the Groups be recognised.

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Constitutional Comments (SLB 08/05/2013)

7. The proposals in this report are within the remit of the Council.

Background Papers

Except for previously published documents, which will be available elsewhere, the documents listed here will be available for inspection in accordance with Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972.

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

All