



meeting COUNTY COUNCIL

date 18 May 2006

agenda item number **10**

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.

Background

Members and Officers of Groups

2. At the annual meeting of the Council in May 2005 members noted the composition of the political groups as required by the Committees and Political Groups Regulations made under the Local Government and Housing Act 1989
3. There are currently 3 political groups on the council, which are:-
 - the Nottinghamshire County Labour Group
 - the Nottinghamshire County Council Conservative Group
 - the Liberal Democrats Group

There have been no changes to the memberships of the groups.

4. At the same meeting, and in accordance with Standing Order 14.1, the Council recognised the officers of the groups. Since that time, the Labour and Conservative Groups have made some changes in the appointment of their officers, who are now:-

Labour Group

- Leader: Councillor David Kirkham
- Deputy Leader: Councillor Mike Storey
- Chief Whip: Councillor Sheila Place
- Assistant Whip: Councillor Chris Winterton
- Assistant Whip: Councillor Albert Haynes

Conservative Group

- Leader: Councillor Mrs K L Cutts
- Deputy Leader: Councillor Martin Brandon Bravo
- Business Manager: Councillor J David Taylor
- Deputy Business Manager Councillor Thomas A J Pettengell*
- Secretary Councillor Lynn Sykes

*Councillor Pettengell is also the Conservative Group's Treasurer.

RECOMMENDED

1. That the membership of the political groups be noted.
2. That, in accordance with Standing Orders, the Officers of the Groups be recognised.

Statutory and Policy Implications

The information set out in the report has been received in accordance with the relevant legislation.

Financial Implications

The majority of the Officer posts within the groups attract the payment of Special Responsibility Allowances in accordance with the Council's Scheme. Those allowances become payable from the date on which notification was received.

R A Latham
Chief Executive

Director of Resources Financial Comments

Provision exists within the Members' Allowances budget for the cost of Special Responsibility Allowances (P&R/BC).

Background Papers Available for Inspection

Note from Labour Group