

meeting COUNTY COUNCIL

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REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

MANSFIELD SOUTH BY-ELECTION RESULT

1. Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 To report on the outcome of the by-election held in the Mansfield South Division on 25th February 2010 and on the implications for the overall political balance of the Council.

2. Information and Advice

- 2.1 I am able to report that at the by-election in the Mansfield South Division held on 25th February 2010 Chris Winterton was elected County Councillor for that Division. Councillor Winterton is a member of the Labour Group on the Council.

- 2.2 The overall political balance of the Council due to this election result, is now:-

Conservative Group	36
Labour Group	14
Liberal Democrat Group	9
Independent Group	<u>8</u>
	67

- 2.3 I have reviewed the allocation of Committee and Sub-Committee and no change to the proportionality is required as a result of this except in relation to the places on the Fire Authority.

On the Fire Authority there are 12 places which are currently allocated as:-

Conservative Group	7
Labour Group	2
Liberal Democrat Group	2
Independent Group	1

Under the new political proportionality the split should be as follows:-

Conservative Group	6
Labour Group	3
Liberal Democrat Group	2
Independent Group	1

3. Statutory and Policy Implications

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.

4. RECOMMENDATION

That consideration be given to the allocation of seats in the Fire Authority having regard to the current political balance of the Council.

**MICK BURROWS
CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

Legal Services Comments (SLB 06/04/2010)

Article 4 of the Council's Constitution states that the function of deciding the composition of Committees is reserved to Full Council. Full Council is therefore the appropriate body to consider the content of this report. By virtue of Sections 15 and 16 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 the Council is under a duty to allocate seats to political groups in accordance with the principles of political balance.

Background Papers Available for Inspection

Political proportionality calculations table.

Electoral Divisions Affected

All divisions.