



## **REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

### **COLLINGHAM BY-ELECTION RESULT AND RECOGNITION OF MEMBERS OF GROUPS - ADDENDUM**

#### **Purpose of the Report**

1. To report on the outcome of the by-election held in the Collingham Division on 17<sup>th</sup> February 2022 and report the details of the revised membership of the political groups of the Council.

#### **Information and Advice**

2. I am able to report that at the by-election in the Collingham Division held on 17<sup>th</sup> February 2022 Debbie Darby was elected County Councillor for that Division.
3. At the annual meeting of the Council in May 2021 Members noted the composition of the political Groups as required by The Local Government (Committees and Political Groups) Regulations made under the Local Government and Housing Act 1989, this was updated at the 25 November 2021 meeting.
4. There are currently three political Groups of the Council, which are:-
  - the Nottinghamshire County Council Conservative Group
  - the Nottinghamshire County Council Labour Group
  - the Independent Alliance Group
5. In addition to the three Groups detailed in this report, there is one non-aligned County Councillor (Councillor Stephen Garner) who is not part of any political Group of the Council.
6. Appropriate notice has been received to confirm that Councillor Debbie Darby is a member of the Independent Alliance Group on the Council. The memberships of the Groups are shown in the Appendix to this report. There has been no change to the Officers elected by the Groups reported at the meeting of the Council on 25 November 2021.
7. The overall political balance of the Council due to this election result and group membership, is now:-

	<u>Number</u>	<u>%</u>
Conservative Group	36	54.55
Labour Group	15	22.73
Independent Alliance Group	14	21.21
Councillor Stephen Garner (Independent)	1	1.52

8. There is a statutory requirement for seats on Committees and Sub-Committees to be 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.

### **Other Options Considered**

9. None

### **Reason for Recommendation**

10. To inform the Council on the outcome of the Collingham by-election and for the Council to note the membership of political Groups on the Council.

### **Statutory and Policy Implications**

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

## **RECOMMENDATION**

- 1) That the outcome of the by-election held in the Collingham Division be noted.
- 2) That it be noted that Councillor Debbie Darby has joined the Independent Alliance Group of the Council.

### **Report of the Chief Executive**

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### **Constitutional Comments**

12. Because this report is for noting only no Constitutional Comments are required

### **Financial Comments (RWK 10/02/2022)**

13. There are no specific financial implications arising directly from this report.

### **Background Papers and Published Documents**

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.

- Recognition of Members and Officers of Groups report to Full Council – 27 May 2021 (published)
- Recognition of Members of Group report to Full Council – 25 November 2021 (published)

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

- All