

## **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**

2. The Local Government (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 three political groups. The groups are:-

- the Nottinghamshire County Council Conservative Group
- the Nottinghamshire County Council Labour Group
- the Independent Group

4. In addition to the three Groups detailed in this report, there are three non-aligned County Councillors who are not part of any political Group of the Council. These are Councillor Steve Carr (Liberal Democrat), Councillor Maureen Dobson and Councillor Stephen Garner.

5. The membership of each Group is set out in Appendix A along with the officers of each Group (Leader, Deputy Leader and Business Manager). This means that the overall political balance of the Council is as follows :-

	<u>Number</u>	<u>%</u>
Conservative Group	37	56.06
Labour Group	15	22.73
Independent Group	11	16.67
Liberal Democrat	1	1.52
Councillor Maureen Dobson (Independent)	1	1.52
Councillor Stephen Garner (Independent)	1	1.52

6. 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**

7. None, it is a requirement of the Constitution to report annually to Full Council.

### **Reason/s for Recommendation/s**

8. It is necessary for Council to note the political Groups on the Council and their Officers.

### **Statutory and Policy Implications**

9. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of crime and disorder, data protection and information governance finance, human resources, human rights, the NHS Constitution (public health services), the public sector equality duty, safeguarding of children and adults at risk, service users, smarter working, sustainability and the environment and where such implications are material they are described below. Appropriate consultation has been undertaken and advice sought on these issues as required.

### **RECOMMENDATION/S**

- 1) That the membership of the political Groups be recognised.
- 2) That the Officers of the Groups be noted.

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### **Constitutional Comments (HD 18/05/2021)**

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

### **Financial Comments (SES 14/05/2021)**

11. 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.

- None

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

- All