

REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

RECOGNITION OF GROUP AND MEMBERS OF GROUPS

Purpose of the Report

1. To report the details of the revised membership of the political groups of the Council and to report details of the membership of the Independent Alliance previously known as the Independent Group.

Information

2. 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.
3. Appropriate notice has been received in respect of the formation of a political Group, the Independent Alliance, which is to replace the Independent Group. There are, therefore currently three political Groups of the Council, which are:-
 - the Nottinghamshire County Council Conservative Group
 - the Nottinghamshire County Council Labour Group
 - the Independent Alliance
4. Appropriate notice has been received to confirm that Councillor Steve Carr (Liberal Democrat) and Councillor Francis Purdue-Horan (Independent) have joined the Independent Alliance. 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 annual meeting in May 2021.
5. In addition to the three Groups detailed in this report, there are therefore now two non-aligned County Councillors who are not part of any political Group of the Council. These are Councillor Maureen Dobson and Councillor Stephen Garner.
6. 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 now as follows :-

	<u>Number</u>	<u>%</u>
Conservative Group	36	54.55
Labour Group	15	22.73
Independent Alliance	13	19.70
Councillor Maureen Dobson (Independent)	1	1.52
Councillor Stephen Garner (Independent)	1	1.52

7. 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

8. None, it is a requirement to report any changes to the political Groups to Full Council.

Reason/s for Recommendation/s

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

Statutory and Policy Implications

10. 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

That the membership of the political Groups be recognised.

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Constitutional Comments (HD 7/9/2021)

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

Financial Comments (RWK 15/11/2021)

12. 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 – 23 September 2021 (published)

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

- All