



REPORT of CHIEF EXECUTIVE

**to
COUNCIL (EXTRAORDINARY)
12 JULY 2018**

MEMBERSHIP OF POLITICAL GROUPS

1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 To update the Council on changes to the composition of political groups.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Council reviews and comments on the changes in political group membership.

3. SUMMARY OF KEY ISSUES

3.1 Political Balance

- 3.1.1 Councillors Mrs H E Elliott and Miss M R Lewis have confirmed that they are no longer aligned with the Conservative Group. Councillor Mrs Elliott has confirmed that she is now aligned with the Independent Group. Councillor Miss Lewis remains a member of the Conservative Party, but is not part of the Conservative Group.

- 3.1.2 Group membership is now summarised as follows:

Conservative	25 Members
Conservative (non-aligned)	1 Member
Independent	4 Members
Independent (non-aligned)	1 Member

- 3.1.3 This change does not trigger a review of the make-up of committees to address changes in political balance. Relevant triggers for this would be either the Statutory Annual meeting of the Council, or the formation of a new political group.
- 3.1.4 It should be noted that while the allocation of committee places to political groups will have regard to the notifications given to the Chief Executive by the respective Group Leaders, a political group is defined as being constituted by at least two Members who have advised that they wish to be treated as such.

4. IMPACT ON CORPORATE GOALS

- 4.1 Any change in the membership and political make-up of the Council has legal and procedural consequences, and is linked to high level outcomes associated with the corporate goal of delivering good quality, cost effective and valued services in a transparent way.

5. IMPLICATIONS

- (i) **Impact on Customers** – None identified.
- (ii) **Impact on Equalities** – None identified.
- (iii) **Impact on Risk** – None identified.
- (iv) **Impact on Resources (financial)** – None identified.
- (v) **Impact on Resources (human)** – None identified.
- (vi) **Impact on the Environment** – None identified.

Background papers:

Local Government and Housing Act 1989

Local Government (Committees and Political Groups) Regulations 1990.

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