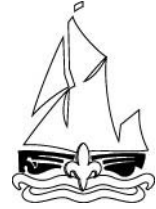


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**to  
ANNUAL COUNCIL  
12 MAY 2016**

**LEADERS AND COMPOSITION OF POLITICAL GROUPS**

1. As required by the Local Government and Housing Act 1989, the Chief Executive has been notified that the compositions of the political Groups on the Council are as follows:-

Conservative	27 Members	Leader: Councillor Miss M R Lewis
Independent	2 Members	Leader of the Opposition Group: Councillor B S Beale

In addition, there two single Members who although not part of a political Group constitutes the political make-up of the Council:

- Councillor Mrs B E Acevedo (UK Independence Party),
- Councillor Miss S White (Other).

In accordance with the Council's Political Parties and Associated Arrangements, Councillor Miss M R Lewis is therefore recognised as Leader-designate.

2. Council is now asked:
- (i) to consider the ratification of the Leader-designate as Leader of the Council;
  - (ii) in the event that the Council does not confirm the Leader-designate, to elect the Leader of the Council.
3. To elect the Deputy Leader of the Council.