



**REPORT of
DIRECTOR OF STRATEGY, PERFORMANCE AND GOVERNANCE**

to
**ANNUAL COUNCIL
5 NOVEMBER 2020**

LEADERS AND COMPOSITION OF POLITICAL GROUPS

1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1.1 To appoint to the Leader and Deputy Leader of the Council for the remainder of the Municipal year (to May 2021).

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- (i) That the Council considers 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;
- (iii) That the Council elects the Deputy-Leader of the Council.

3. SUMMARY OF KEY ISSUES

3.1 As required by the Local Government and Housing Act 1989, the Strategy, Performance and Governance Manager has been notified that the compositions of the political Groups on the Council are as follows:

Independent Group	Leader	Councillor W Stamp
	Members	Councillors M G Bassenger, B S Beale MBE, V J Bell, M R Edwards, M S Heard, K M H Lagan, C Mayes, C Morris, S P Nunn, R G F Shaughnessy, R H Siddall, N J Skeens, J Stilts and C Swain
Conservative Group	Leader	Councillor E L Bamford
	Members	Councillors Miss A M Beale, Mrs P A Channer CC, M F L Durham CC, Mrs J L Fleming, A L Hull, J V Keyes, C P Morley, Mrs M E Thompson and Miss S White
Democratic Alliance Group	Leader	Councillor M W Helm
	Members	Councillors R G Boyce MBE, R P F Dewick and A S Fluker

3.2 In accordance with the Council's Political Parties and Associated Arrangements, Councillor W Stamp is therefore recognised as Leader-designate.

4. CONCLUSION

4.1 The information is provided for Members to appoint to the posts of Leader and Deputy Leader of the Council.

5. IMPACT ON STRATEGIC THEMES

5.1 The posts of Leader and Deputy Leader of the Council work across all strategic themes, but specifically help to contribute to Performance and Efficiency, with Maldon District Council (MDC) working with partners.

6. IMPLICATIONS

- (i) **Impact on Customers** – The Leader of the Council will be the Council's figure head, and promote customer engagement
- (ii) **Impact on Equalities** – Not applicable (N/A).
- (iii) **Impact on Risk** – Appointment to posts underpins good governance and reduces risk.
- (iv) **Impact on Resources (financial)** – N/A.
- (v) **Impact on Resources (human)** – N/A.
- (vi) **Impact on the Environment** – N/A.
- (vii) **Impact on Strengthening Communities** - The Leader of the Council will be the Council's figure head and promote community engagement.

Background Papers: None.

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