



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

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**COUNCIL (EXTRAORDINARY)  
18 JANUARY 2022**

**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 2022).

**2. RECOMMENDATIONS**

- (i) That the Council considers ratification of the Leader-designate as Leader of the Council;
- (ii) That the Council elects the Deputy-Leader of the Council.
- (iii) That the Council appoints to any associated vacancies after appointment, ratifying nominations as set out in section 3.3.

**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:

Leader of the Independent Group (Leader Designate)	Councillor Richard Siddall
Independent Group	Councillor Mark Bassenger
	Councillor Brian Beale MBE
	Councillor Vanessa Bell
	Councillor Michael Edwards
	Councillor Mark Heard
	Councillor Carlie Mayes
	Councillor Flo Shaughnessy
	Councillor Nick Skeens
	Councillor Emma Stephens
	Councillor Mrs Jeanette Stilts
Councillor Christopher Swan	
Leader of the Conservative Group	Councillor Mrs Penny Channer
Conservative Group	Councillor Miss Anne Beale
	Councillor Bruce Heubner
	Councillor Mark Durham
	Councillor Mrs Jane Fleming
	Councillor Anne Hull

	Councillor John Keyes
	Councillor Clive Morley
	Councillor Mrs Maddie Thompson
	Councillor Miss Sue White
Non-Aligned Members	Councillor Bob Boyce MBE
	Councillor Richard Dewick
	Councillor Adrian Fluker
	Councillor Michael Helm
	Councillor Kevin Lagan
	Councillor Chrisy Morris
	Councillor Stephen Nunn
	Councillor Wendy Stamp

3.2 In accordance with the Council's Political Parties and Associated Arrangements, Councillor R H Siddall is therefore recognised as Leader-designate

3.3 If Councillor Siddall is appointed as Leader of the council, the following Vacancies will also need to be appointed to nominations for the group are set out below. For the Joint Standards Committee he holds a seat but group leaders cannot sit on the Committee, and the Corporate Governance Working group specifies a seat for the Leader and Councillor Siddall was allocated a seat at the Statutory Annual meeting in May 2021.

Seat:	Nomination:
Joint Standards Committee	Councillor B S Beale MBE
Corporate Governance Working Group	Councillor C Swain

3.4 There are working group, outside body and committee seats associated with Leader and Deputy leader roles as set out in our Statutory Annual Council papers, this will be updated to the leader and deputy appointed by the Council as a matter of course.

#### 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 (NA).
- (iii) **Impact on Risk** – Appointment to posts underpins good governance and reduces risk.

- (iv) **Impact on Resources (financial)** – NA.
- (v) **Impact on Resources (human)** – NA.
- (vi) **Impact on the Environment** – NA.
- (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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