



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

**to
COUNCIL (EXTRAORDINARY)
8 JUNE 2023**

LEADERS AND COMPOSITION OF POLITICAL GROUPS

1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1.1 To appoint the Leader and Deputy Leader of the Council for the Municipal year to May 2024.

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.

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:

Conservative Group	Leader	Councillor S J N Morgan
	Members	Councillors: D O Bown M F L Durham, CC W J Laybourn N R Miller C P Morley R G Pratt M E Thompson L L Wiffen
District Support Group	Leader	Councillor J C Stilts
	Members	Councillors: A S Fluker L J Haywood K M H Lagan M G Neall W Stamp
Liberal Democrat Group	Leader	Councillor J Driver
	Members	Councillors: S J Burwood K Jennings N D Spenceley P L Spenceley N J Swindle

Maldon Independent Group	Leader	Councillor R H Siddall
	Members	Councillors: M G Bassenger T Fittock J C Hughes E L Stephens N G F Shaughnessy

3.2 There are a further four elected Members that are not part of a political group:

- Councillor V J Bell;
- Councillor A M Lay;
- Councillor U G C Siddall-Norman;
- Councillor S White.

3.3 In accordance with the Council's Political Parties and Associated Arrangements, Councillor S J N Morgan 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 six corporate priorities, but specifically help to contribute to the governance guiding principle, with Maldon District Council working with partners.

6. IMPLICATIONS

- (i) **Impact on Customers** – The Leader of the Council will be the Council's figurehead and promote customer engagement.
- (ii) **Impact on Equalities** – None.
- (iii) **Impact on Risk** – Appointment to posts underpins good governance and reduces risk.
- (iv) **Impact on Resources (financial)** – None.
- (v) **Impact on Resources (human)** – None.
- (vi) **Impact on the Environment** – None.
- (vii) **Impact on Strengthening Communities** - The Leader of the Council will be the Council's figurehead and promote community engagement.

Background Papers: None.

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