



REPORT of DIRECTOR OF STRATEGY AND RESOURCES

to
ANNUAL COUNCIL
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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 2025.

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 S J N M organ 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 CC
Liberal Democrat Group	Leader	Councillor J Driver
	Members	Councillors: S J Burwood K Jennings N D Spenceley P L Spenceley N J Swindle

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

3.2 There are a further four non-aligned Members of the Council:

- 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 PRIORITIES AS SET OUT IN THE CORPORATE PLAN 2023 - 2027

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 (including Fraud implications)** – Appointment to posts underpins good governance and reduces risk.
- (iv) **Impact on Resources (financial)** – None.
- (v) **Impact on Resources (human)** – None.

Background Papers: None.

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