

NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCIL

COUNCIL

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND HOUSING ACT 1989 - POLITICAL BALANCE AND
NOTIFICATION OF A VACANCY ON THE COUNCIL**

1. OBJECT AND KEY POINTS IN THIS REPORT

- 1.1 The council is under a duty to review the representation of different political groups on its committees/panels at or as soon as practicable after its annual meeting. The council is under a duty to re-determine the allocation of seats if the review shows non compliance with the political balance principles of the Act.

2. BACKGROUND INFORMATION AND ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION

- 2.1 Following the sad death of Councillor Darrell Barkworth there is a vacant seat on the council in the Town Ward. A by-election for that seat will take place on Thursday 31 May, 2012.
- 2.2 At the meeting of the council held on 26 April, 2002 the council adopted a constitution as specified by the Local Government Act, 2000. That constitution provided for the appointment of a number of committees. The **current** allocation of seats on the council's panels/committees is set out overleaf and is in accordance with the political balance principles of the Local Government and Housing Act, 1989.
- 2.3 Following the by-election it will be necessary to review the political balance of the council.

3. RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 That the council carries out a review of the political balance of its panels/committees as indicated above.

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Background papers used in the preparation of this report - Nil

Committee	No. of Members	Conservative	Labour
Planning Committee	10	6	4
Licensing Committee	15	8	7
Appeals Committee Pool	11	6	5
Audit Committee	19	10	9
Places Scrutiny Panel	7	4	3
People Scrutiny Panel	7	4	3
Corporate Scrutiny Panel	7	4	3
(Plus two Church Representatives - voting) (Plus two Parent Governors - voting)			

} In relation to Education Issues