

**NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCIL**

**COUNCIL**

**POLITICAL COMPOSITION AND BALANCE OF THE COUNCIL**

**1. OBJECT AND KEY POINTS IN THIS REPORT**

- 1.1 To report on the political composition of the council following a by-election held on 31 May, 2012.

**2. BACKGROUND INFORMATION AND ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION**

- 2.1 Agenda item 4 sets out details of the election of a councillor to North Lincolnshire Council at a by-election on 31 May, 2012. As a result of the by-election the political composition of the Council is as follows:-

Conservative	23
Labour	20
Total	43

- 2.2 It is necessary therefore for Council to decide the allocation of seats in accordance with the political proportionality rules and principles contained in Section 15 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989. Appendix A shows the ratio of members to committees/panels depending on the total number of members on each committee or panel.
- 2.3 Appendix B sets out the current range of committees with their memberships and the total for the council as a whole. Council should consider whether the existing numbers best meet the proportionality rules to determine the allocation of seats on a reasonable and sensible basis taking account of the overall proportion of seats based on council membership to accord with the principles of Section 15 of the Act.

**3. RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 3.1 To note appendix A to the report detailing the entitlement of the number of members to committees/panels.
- 3.2 To determine the allocation of seats to committees/panels in accordance with the proportionality rules.

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**LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND HOUSING ACT 1989  
POLITICAL BALANCE ON COMMITTEES/PANELS**

## 1. Council - 43 Members

Proportion of Groups to seats on Council

<b>Group</b>	<b>Seats</b>	<b>Proportion</b>
Conservative	23	53.48%
Labour	20	46.52%

## 2. Committees/Sub-Committees

The following table identifies the number of seats which would be available to groups having regard to the size of Committees/Sub-Committees.

<b>Seats on Committee/ Sub-Committee</b>	<b>Conservative</b>	<b>Labour</b>
3	2	1
4	3	1
5	3	2
6	4	2
7	4	3
8	5	3
9	5	4
10	6	4
11	6	5
12	7	5
13	7	6
14	8	6
15	8	7
16	9	7
17	9	8

**CURRENT ARRANGEMENTS 2012/2013**

<b>Committee</b>	<b>No. of Members</b>	<b>Conservative</b>	<b>Labour</b>
Planning Committee	10	6	4
Licensing Committee	15	8	7
Audit Committee	7	4	3
Appeals Committee (Drawn from a pool of 12 members)	12	6	6
People Scrutiny Panel	5	3	2
Places Scrutiny Panel	5	3	2
Corporate Scrutiny Panel	5	3	2
Health Scrutiny Panel	5	3	2
(Plus two Church Representatives - voting) ) In relation to education issues. (Plus two Parent Governors - voting) )			
Standards Committee (Plus two co-opted non-voting members)	7	4	3
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>40 (56.33%)</b>	<b>31 (43.67%)</b>