

NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCIL

COUNCIL

LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND HOUSING ACT 1989 - POLITICAL BALANCE

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 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.

3. RECOMMENDATION

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

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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	12	6	6
Audit Committee	7	4	3
Places Scrutiny Panel	5	3	2
People Scrutiny Panel	5	3	2
Corporate Scrutiny Panel	5	3	2
Health Scrutiny Panel	5	3	2
(Plus two Church Representatives - voting) (Plus two Parent Governors - voting)			
			In relation to Education Issues
Standards Committee	7	4	3
(Plus two co-opted non-voting members)			