

NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCIL

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE 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 the local elections held on 7 May, 2015.

2. ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION

- 2.1 Agenda item 4 (Appendix 1) sets out details of the election of councillors to North Lincolnshire Council at the local elections on 7 May, 2015.

- 2.2 In accordance with the Local Government (Committees and Political Groups) Regulations 1990, the appropriate forms have now been completed and the Chief Executive has received notification of the membership of the following political groups.

Conservative	26
Labour	17
Total	43

- 2.3 Appendix A to this report details how this ratio of members is shown in the allocation of members to committees/panels, depending on the total number of members on each committee/panel and in accordance with the proportionality rules and principles contained in the Local Government and Housing Act 1989. Appointments made to the Licensing Committee do not have to be on the basis of political balance but by convention this method is used to allocate seats.

- 2.4 Appendix B sets out the current range of committees with their total membership.

3. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 To note the establishment of political groups as detailed above and the attached appendix A to the report detailing the entitlement of the number of members to committees/panels.

- 3.2 That the allocation of seats set out in appendix A be used when the establishment of committees/panels is being determined.

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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

Group	Seats	Proportion
Conservative	26	60%
Labour	17	40%

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.

Seats on Committee/ Sub-Committee	Conservative	Labour
2	2	-
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	7	4
12	7	5
13	8	5
14	8	6
15	9	6
16	10	6
17	10	7

CURRENT ARRANGEMENTS 2014/2015

Appendix B

Committee	No. of Members	
Planning Committee	10	
Licensing Committee	15	
Audit Committee	7	
Appeals Committee (Drawn from a pool of 12 members)	3	
People Scrutiny Panel	5	
Health Scrutiny Panel	5	
Places Scrutiny Panel	5	
Corporate Scrutiny Panel	5	
(Plus two Church Representatives - voting) (Plus two Parent Governors - voting)		In relation to Education Issues
Standards Committee	7	
(Plus one co-opted non-voting member) (Plus two independent persons – non-voting)		
Health and Wellbeing Board	1	