

NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCIL

**ANNUAL MEETING OF THE
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 in Appendix A and is in accordance with the political balance principles of the Local Government and Housing Act, 1989.
- 2.2 It is now proposed to change the political management structure of the council by reducing the number of Scrutiny Panels by merging the Places and Corporate Scrutiny Panels. This Panel will be called the Governance Scrutiny Panel.

The remaining Panels will stay as now.

Subject to this change the revised allocation of seats on the council's committees/panels is set out in Appendix B. This change does not have any impact on the overall political balance of the council.

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

CURRENT ARRANGEMENTS

APPENDIX A

Committee	No. of Members	Conservative	Labour
Planning Committee	10	6	4
Licensing Committee	15	9	6
Appeals Committee Pool	12	8	4
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)			

PROPOSED ARRANGEMENTS

APPENDIX B

Committee	No. of Members	Conservative	Labour
Planning Committee	10	6	4
Licensing Committee	15	9	6
Appeals Committee Pool	12	8	4
Audit Committee	7	4	3
Governance Scrutiny Panel	5	3	2
People Scrutiny Panel	5	3	2
Health Scrutiny Panel	5	3	2
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