

**NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCIL**

**COUNCIL**

**ELECTION OF COUNCILLOR  
AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND HOUSING ACT 1989 - POLITICAL BALANCE**

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

- 1.1 To report the election of a councillor following a by-election in the Brumby Ward.
- 1.2 To report on the impact on the political composition of the council following the by-election held on 8 June 2017.

**2. BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

- 2.1 Following the sad death of Councillor Pauline Carlile, a by-election in the Brumby Ward was held on Thursday 8 June 2017.
- 2.2 As a result of the by-election the undermentioned was elected as a member of the council.  
  
Steve Swift - 85 Valley Drive, Bottesford, Scunthorpe DN16 3SY  
Labour Party
- 2.3 The result of the by election means that the political composition of the council is 26 Conservative and 17 Labour, the same as before the vacancy. The current allocation of seats on the council's panel/seats was agreed at the annual meeting on 18 May 2017 (minute 2507 refers), and is in accordance with the political balance principles of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989. (see appendix A). The result of the by-election has no overall impact on the political balance of the council since the Annual Meeting, based upon the seats available to groups on current size of committees/panels.

**3. RECOMMENDATION**

- 3.1 That the report be noted.
- 3.2 That the current representation of the different political groups on each committee/panel, as set out in appendix A of the report, and agreed by Council at its Annual meeting, be re-affirmed in accordance with the political balance principles of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989.

DIRECTOR: GOVERNANCE AND PARTNERSHIPS

Civic Centre  
Ashby Road  
SCUNTHORPE  
North Lincolnshire  
DN16 1AB  
Author: RAMell  
Date: 4 September 2017

**Background Papers used in the preparation of this report - Nil**

## APPENDIX A

### CURRENT ARRANGEMENTS

<b>Committee</b>	<b>No. of Members</b>	<b>Conservative</b>	<b>Labour</b>
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
(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)			
Appointment and Employment Committee	5	3	2