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NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCIL

Church Square House
30-40 High Street
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North Lincolnshire
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Monday 17 May 2021

Dear Councillor,

You are summoned to attend an **ANNUAL MEETING of the COUNCIL** to be held at **10.30am on TUESDAY 25 MAY 2021** at the North Lindsey College Events Centre, Kingsway, Scunthorpe (map/plan and Covid19 safety instructions to follow –

(Please note: that due to current Covid19 restrictions there will be no ceremonial arrangements for 'mayor-making'. The meeting will be conducted safely as a business meeting in accordance with the agenda items below).

There will be no prayers on this occasion. All Members should be seated by 10.25am.

1. Welcome and speech of the retiring Mayor

2. To elect a Mayor

3. Vote of thanks to retiring Mayor

4. To appoint a Deputy Mayor

5. Election of Councillors - Report by the Chief Executive (see attached) (Pages 1 - 2)

6. To approve dates for meetings of the Council in accordance with Section 2, Schedule 12 of the Local Government Act, 1972

7(a) Local Government and Housing Act 1989 - Political Balance of the Council - Report by the Director : Governance and Partnerships (see attached) (Pages 3 - 6)

7(b) To note the appointment of Group Leaders, Deputy Leaders and Secretaries

7(c) To note the number and names of members to be appointed to the Cabinet and their Cabinet Member portfolios

7(d) To establish and appoint members to committees, scrutiny panels and key outside bodies

7(e) To appoint Chairs and Vice-Chairs of committees and panels

7(f) To appoint lead members on key 'champion' themes

7(g) To consider a timetable of meetings for 2021/2022

7(h) To pass such other resolutions as may be appropriate

(Working Papers on the above with be circulated to all members prior to the meeting)

Yours sincerely,

B McIntyre
Director: Governance and Partnerships

NOTE: ANY MEMBER WHO WISHES TO PUT A QUESTION UPON OR MOVE ANY AMENDMENT TO THE MINUTES MUST INFORM THE DIRECTOR: GOVERNANCE AND PARTNERSHIPS IN WRITING BEFORE 9.30 A.M. ON FRIDAY 21 MAY 2021.

Report of the Chief Executive

Agenda Item No. **5**
Meeting: 25 May, 2021

NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCIL

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

ELECTION OF COUNCILLORS

1. OBJECT AND KEY POINTS IN THIS REPORT

1.1 To report the election of councillors following local by-elections held on 6 May, 2021.

2. ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION

2.1 At the local by-elections on 6 May, 2021, four councillors were elected to North Lincolnshire Council representing three electoral wards as follows –

Ashby Ward (one seat contested)) – Councillor Joanne Saunby – Conservative,

Bottesford Ward (one seat contested) – Councillor Janet Longcake – Conservative,

Broughton and Appleby Ward (two seats contested) – Councillor Janet Lee – Conservative, and Councillor Carol Ross – Conservative.

2.2 Each elected member has completed and signed the appropriate declaration of office and is able to act in their capacity as a councillor.

3. RECOMMENDATION

3.1 That the report be noted.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE

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Background papers used in the preparation of this report - Nil

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Report of the Director of Governance and Partnerships

Agenda Item No: **7 (a)**
Meeting: 25 May 2021

NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCIL

LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND HOUSING ACT 1989 ('Act') – POLITICAL BALANCE

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

1.1 The Council is required under the Act to keep under review the allocation of seats on its ordinary committees and this report seeks to carry out such a review following the recent by-elections in the Bottesford, Ashby and Broughton and Appleby wards.

2. **BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

2.1 The Council's political composition following the by-elections on 6 May 2021 is now 28 Conservative, 14 Labour and 1 Independent. In accordance with the Act it is necessary that the Council reviews the allocation of seats on its ordinary committees to ensure they are 'politically balanced'.

2.2 Section 15 of the Act provides that any review must be carried out by applying the following four Principles, in priority order, as follows:

(a) that not all the seats maybe allocated to members of the same political group;

(b) where a majority of the members of Council are members of the same political group, a majority of the seats on each committee must be allocated to that political group;

(c) subject to (a) and (b) above, the relationship between the total number of committee seats allocated to each group and the total number of seats on all committees must, as near as possible, be the same as the relationship between the number of members of the group as a proportion of the total number of members of Council; and

(d) subject to (a) – (c) above, taking each committee separately, the number of seats allocated to a particular political group reflects that group's proportion of the membership of the Council.

2.3 In carrying out its review, the Council may only depart from applying the Principles by passing a resolution with no member voting against such resolution.

3. OPTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

3.1 The Council is under a legal obligation to carry out a review of the seats allocated on its committees pursuant to the Act.

3.2 Consequently, a review has been undertaken and Appendix A sets out for council's consideration, the political balance and proposed allocation of seats available to political groups/members on the size of committees/panels appointed.

4. ANALYSIS OF OPTIONS

4.1 See 3.1 above.

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5. FINANCIAL AND OTHER RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS (e.g. LEGAL, HR, PROPERTY, IT, COMMUNICATIONS etc.)

5.1 There are no direct resource implications associated with consideration of this report.

6. OTHER RELEVANT IMPLICATIONS (e.g. CRIME AND DISORDER, EQUALITIES, COUNCIL PLAN, ENVIRONMENTAL, RISK etc.)

6.1 There are no other relevant implications.

7. OUTCOMES OF INTEGRATED IMPACT ASSESSMENT (IF APPLICABLE)

7.1 An Integrated Impact Assessment is not required for this report.

8. OUTCOMES OF CONSULTATION AND CONFLICTS OF INTERESTS DECLARED

8.1 No conflicts of interest have been identified or declared.

9. RECOMMENDATIONS

9.1 That following a review of the political balance of its committees in accordance with the principles of the Act, the Council considers for approval the proposed allocation of seats available to political groups/members on the size of committees/panels appointed, as set out in Appendix A.

DIRECTOR OF GOVERNANCE AND PARTNERSHIPS

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Local Government and Housing Act 1989
LLG Political Proportionality

APPENDIX A

PROPOSED ARRANGEMENTS - 2021/22

(Based on 28 (*65%) Conservative and 14 (*33%) Labour and 1 (*2%) Independent Proportionality)

Committee	**No. of Members**	**Conservative**	**Labour**	**Independent**
Planning Committee	8	5	3	0
Licensing Committee	10	6	3	1
Appeals Committee (Drawn from a pool of 12 members – 8 Conservative and 4 Labour)	3	2	1	0
Audit Committee	5	3	2	0
Governance Scrutiny Panel	3	2	1	0
Health Scrutiny Panel	3	2	1	0
Places Scrutiny Panel	3	2	1	0
Children's and Education Scrutiny Panel *	7	6	1	0

*Majority of seats on the committee/panel to be maintained by the majority political group. This panel includes 4 statutory co-opted members - two Church Representatives – voting, plus two Parent Governors Representatives – voting, in relation to Education Issues only.

Standards Committee	5	3	2	0
(Plus two co-opted non-voting members)				
Appointment and Employment Committee	5	3	2	0
Total Seats	***52***	***34***	***17***	***1***
Proportionality		****65%***	****33%***	****2%***