

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 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 | Labour | Conservative | Other |
|---|-----------------------|---------------|---------------------|--------------|
| Planning Committee | 13 | 7 | 5 | 1 |
| Licensing Committee | 15 | 8 | 6 | 1 |
| Appeals Committee | 15 | 8 | 6 | 1 |
| Audit Committee | 5 | 3 | 2 | - |
| Economic Development and Corporate Issues Scrutiny Panel | 7 | 4 | 3 | - |
| Healthier Communities and Older People Scrutiny Panel | 7 | 4 | 3 | - |
| Children and Young People Scrutiny Panel | 7 | 4 | 3 | - |
| Safer and Stronger Communities Scrutiny Panel | 7 | 4 | 3 | - |
| Scrutiny Co-ordinating Panel (Consisting of the Chairs and Vice-Chairs of the four Scrutiny Panels together with one other member of the ruling group) | 9 | 5 | 4 | - |

(Plus two Church Representatives - voting)

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