

Report of the Service Director  
Legal and Democratic

Agenda Item No.  
Meeting: 13 May, 2009

**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.

SERVICE DIRECTOR LEGAL & DEMOCRATIC

Pittwood House  
Ashby Road  
SCUNTHORPE  
DN16 1AB  
Author: Mel Holmes  
Date: 14 April, 2009

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

<b>Committee</b>	<b>No. of Members</b>	<b>Labour</b>	<b>Conservative</b>	<b>Other</b>
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)  
(Plus two Parent Governors - voting)