



AGENDA

For a meeting of the
COUNCIL
to be held on
THURSDAY, 24 FEBRUARY 2005
at
2.00 PM
in the
COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNCIL OFFICES, ST. PETER'S HILL, GRANTHAM
Duncan Kerr, Chief Executive

Members of the Council are invited to attend the above meeting to consider the items of business listed below.

1. Re-allocation of Seats on Council Committees and Panels

REPORT TO COUNCIL

REPORT OF: Chief Executive

REPORT NO. CEX282

DATE: 24th February 2005

TITLE:	Reallocation of Seats on Council Committees and Panels
KEY DECISION OR POLICY FRAMEWORK PROPOSAL:	N/A
COUNCIL AIMS/PORTFOLIO HOLDER NAME AND DESIGNATION:	N/A
CORPORATE PRIORITY:	Corporate Governance
CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS:	N/A
FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT IMPLICATIONS:	N/A
BACKGROUND PAPERS:	None

In accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Act, the Chairman has agreed to set this as a late item of business because of the requirements under the Act to deal with reallocation of seats as soon as practicable

Background

On the 21st February 2005, I received from Councillor Mrs. Azar Woods, notification under the Local Government (Committees and Political Groups) Regulations 1990 that she was resigning from the Conservative Administration Group and forming a new group with Councillor Paul Genever. I have received separate confirmation from Councillor Paul Genever of his wish to join this group.

The new group wish to be known as the Non-Aligned group and in accordance with this change to the political composition I have recalculated the composition of the Council's Committees and Scrutiny Panels and these calculations are shown in Appendix A. As can be seen from this Appendix, the consequential changes to membership of Committees and Scrutiny Panels are as follows:

1. The new Non-Aligned Group is entitled to one representative on the Development Control Committee and the Administration Group lose one seat on this Committee.

As Councillor Mrs. Azar Woods is currently serving on this Committee and wishes to remain on the Committee, there would not appear to be any need to change the composition of this Committee.

2. The new Non-Aligned Group is entitled to one seat on one of the five Development and Scrutiny Panels. Currently Councillor Mrs. Azar Woods serves on the Environmental DSP. However, I understand that she no longer wishes to serve on this Panel. The Independent Group lose one seat on the Development and Scrutiny Panel and therefore the two groups will need to liaise to determine which seat will be surrendered by the Independent Group in favour of the Non-Aligned Group.
3. As Councillor Mrs. Azar Woods has intimated that she no longer wishes to serve on the Environment DSP, the Administration Group will need to make a new nomination to this Panel.

Recommendation

That the Council approve the nominations made by the Non-Aligned and Administration groups in accordance with the provisions set out above.

Duncan Kerr,
Chief Executive

APPENDIX A

Make-up of the District Council after Feb 21st 2005

Change in circumstances

Clr Woods leaves the Conservatives and forms a "non-aligned" group with Clr Genever which seeks recognition as a political party for seat allocation.

Stage 1 Allocation to decision-making Committees ensuring balance on each Committee

Party	Seats	%	DC Prop	DC Rounded	Lic Prop	Lic Rounded	C+AC Prop	C+AC Rounded
Administration	31	53.45%	9.086206897	9 (10)	5.87931034	6 (6)	2.67241379	3 (3)
Labour	10	17.24%	2.931034483	3 (3)	1.89655172	2 (2)	0.86206897	1 (1)
Independents	7	12.07%	2.051724138	2 (2)	1.32758621	1 (1)	0.60344828	1 (1)
Lib Dem	4	6.90%	1.172413793	1 (1)	0.75862069	1 (1)	0.34482759	
New Independents	4	6.90%	1.172413793	1 (1)	0.75862069	1 (1)	0.34482759	
Non-aligned	2	3.45%	0.586206897	1	0.37931034		0.17241379	
Total	58			17		11		

Previous allocation shown in brackets

Stage 2 Allocation to Development and Scrutiny Panels ensuring balance in totality.

Total seats available

45

Party	Seats	%	Seats prop	Seats Rounded	ECD	CD	C+E	E	C+R	Check
Administration	31	53.45%	24.05172414	25	5	5	5	5	5	0
Labour	10	17.24%	7.75862069	8	1	2	2	2	1	0
Independents	7	12.07%	5.431034483	5	1	1	2	1	1	-1
Lib Dem	4	6.90%	3.103448276	3	1	1			1	0
New Independents	4	6.90%	3.103448276	3	1			1	1	0
Non-aligned	2	3.45%	1.551724138	1						1
Total				45	9	9	9	9	9	

Notes

Administration group exercise their right under section 15 (5) B to command a majority on all Committees
The Independent group need to surrender one seat to the Non-aligned group.