

REPORT TO COUNCIL

REPORT OF: Chief Executive

REPORT NO.: CEX354

DATE: 26th October 2006

TITLE:	Apportionment of Seats on Committees following changes to the political composition of the Council	
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:	This report is available via the Local Democracy link on the council's website www.southkesteven.gov.uk	
INITIAL EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT	Carried out and appended to report? No	Full impact assessment required? No
BACKGROUND PAPERS:	None applicable	

Background

1. I have been informed by Councillor Ken Joynson that Councillor Mrs. Joyce Gaffigan has left the Independent Group and joined the Liberal Democrat Group. This would have an impact on the political balance of the Council and under the Local Government Act I am required to report this change to the next Council meeting so that consequential adjustments can be made to the Committee membership.

Recommendations

2. That the Council approved the allocation of seats as set out in Appendix B and that group leaders provide the relevant notifications to the Chief Executive at the Council meeting.

Implications of these Changes

3. As a result of these changes, the following actions are required by group leaders:
 - 1) that the Independent Group identify one member to stand down from Development Control Committee
 - 2) that the Liberal Democrat Group identify one member to be appointed to the Development Control Committee
 - 3) that the Independent Group identify one member to stand down from the Engagement DSP and identify one member to replace Councillor Mrs. Gaffigan on the Community DSP
 - 4) that the Liberal Democrat group identify one member to serve on the Engagement DSP and decide whether either Councillor Mrs. Gaffigan or Councillor Bisnauthsing should stand down from the Community DSP.

Duncan Kerr
Chief Executive