

Report to: Annual Meeting of the Full Council – 20 May 2025
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Addendum Report Summary	
Report Title	Political Composition of the Council and Allocation of Seats on Committees
Purpose of Report	In accordance with the Constitution, to consider the allocation of seats to political groups in accordance with the political balance rules.
Recommendations	That the Council approve the allocation of seats to political groups in accordance with Appendix A to the report.
Reason for Recommendation	To ensure the Council complies with Section 15 of the Local Government & Housing Act 1989 and the Local Government (Committees & Political Groups) Regulations 1990.

1.0 Addendum Report

1.1 Following the publication of the agenda, the Leader of the Conservative Group, Councillor Jack Kellas, advised that Councillor Linda Dales had rejoined his Group on the Council. Therefore, the seats held by each political group on the Council are now as follows:-

Political Group	Membership	Percentage of Council (rounded)
Conservative	12	30.77
Labour	10	25.64
Independents for Newark & District	6	15.38
Liberal Democrats	3	7.69
Green	2	5.14
Newark & Sherwood Independents	2	5.14

1.2 This now leaves four independent non-aligned Members on the Council as follows:

Independent Non-Aligned Members	Percentage of Council (rounded)
Cllr Amer	2.56
Cllr Brown	2.56
Cllr Holloway	2.56
Cllr Lee	2.56

1.3 Given this change, the following calculation can be made in terms of allocation of seats:

			<u>Rounded</u>
Conservative	77 x 30.77%	23.69	23* 24
Labour	77 x 25.64%	19.74	20
Independents for Newark & District	77 x 15.38%	11.84	12
Liberal Democrats	77 x 7.69%	5.92	6
N&S District Independents	77 x 5.14%	3.95	4
Green	77 x 5.14%	3.95	4
Ind N/A (Amer)	77 x 2.56%	1.97	2
Ind N/A (Brown)	77 x 2.56%	1.97	2* 1
Ind N/A (Holloway)	77 x 2.56%	1.97	2
Ind N/A (Lee)	77 x 2.56%	1.97	2
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*Following discussions with groups and the Independent Non-aligned Members.

1.6 The effect of this change is minimal with the Conservative Group gaining one additional seat which will effectively be Cllr. Linda Dales retaining her seat on the Planning Committee.

1.7 The revised matrix at **Appendix A** sets out the proposed allocation of seats to political groups.

2.0 **Implications**

In writing this report and in putting forward recommendations, officers have considered the following implications: Data Protection, Digital and Cyber Security, Equality and Diversity, Financial, Human Resources, Human Rights, Legal, Safeguarding and Sustainability and where appropriate they have made reference to these implications and added suitable expert comment where appropriate.

Legal Implications (LEG2425/2827)

2.1 Full Council is the appropriate body to consider the content of this report. There is no legal requirement for Non-aligned Independent Members to be allocated Committee seats.

Background Papers and Published Documents

Except for previously published documents, which will be available elsewhere, the documents listed here will be available for inspection in accordance with Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972.

None