

Annual Council 25th May 2023

Report Title	Political Group Leadership
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List of Appendices

None

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1. To inform Annual Council regarding the political group leadership of North Northamptonshire Council 2023/2024.

2. Executive Summary

- 2.1 Details relating to the political group leadership of the Council, following notification of postholders by the three recognised political groups.

3. Recommendations

- 3.1 It is recommended that Annual Council:
- a) Note the leadership arrangements of the Conservative Group, the Labour Group and the Green Alliance Group for 2023/24 as detailed within the report.
- 3.2 *Reason for Recommendations – To inform the Council, press and public of the leadership arrangements of the recognised political groups.*
- 3.3 *(Alternative Options Considered – None, this item is for information only.)*

4. Report Background

- 4.1 The various political groups represented on the Council have held their respective Annual General Meetings. Postholders for each group have been appointed.

4.2 The political group representation on the Council is: -

	Council	Conservative	Labour	Green Alliance
Members	78	56	16	5

4.3 In addition the Council has one Independent Member.

5. Issues and Choices

5.1 Following communication received from the respective political groups, Council has been informed of the following appointments: -

Leader of the Conservative Group	<i>Councillor Jason Smithers</i>
Deputy Leader of the Conservative Group	<i>Councillor Helen Howell</i>
Leader of the Labour Group	<i>Councillor Matt Keane</i>
Deputy Leader of the Labour Group	<i>Councillor Leanne Buckingham</i>
Leader of the Green Alliance Group	<i>Councillor Emily Fedorowycz</i>
Deputy Leader of the Green Alliance Group	<i>Councillor Jim Hakewill</i>

6. Implications (including financial implications)

6.1 Resources and Financial

6.1.1 Where applicable, postholders may be eligible for a Special Responsibility Allowance (SRA) under the Council's approved Members' Allowance Scheme.

6.2 Legal and Governance

6.2.1 In accordance with the Local Government (Committees and Political Groups) Regulations 1990, a group is required to have at least two Members in order to be constituted as a political group.

6.2.2 Any in-year changes to a group's leadership or formation should be notified to the Council, through the Monitoring Officer, as soon as practicable.

6.3 Relevant Policies and Plans

6.3.1 None specific to this report.

6.4 Risk

6.4.1 Failure of the groups to appoint appropriate postholders would hamper discussions between the Council and groups in relation to the operation of the decision-making process.

6.5 **Consultation**

6.5.1 Information has been provided by the recognised political groups.

6.6 **Consideration by Scrutiny**

6.6.1 None applicable to this report.

6.7 **Equality implications**

6.7.1 None applicable to this report.

6.8 **Climate Impact**

6.8.1 None applicable to this report.

6.9 **Community Impact**

6.9.1 None applicable to this report.

6.10 **Crime and Disorder Impact**

6.10.1 None applicable to this report.

7. **Background Papers**

7.1 [The Local Government \(Committees and Political Groups\) Regulations 1990 \(legislation.gov.uk\)](https://www.legislation.gov.uk)