

Annual Council 26th May 2021

Report Title	Political Group Leadership	
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1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1. To inform Annual Council regarding the political group leadership of North Northamptonshire Council 2021/2022.

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 2021/22 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.*

4. Report Background

- 4.1 Following the election on the 6th May 2021, 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 representation on the Council is:-

	Council	Conservative	Labour	Green Alliance
Members	78	60	14	4

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 Jean Addison</i>
Deputy Leader of the Labour Group	<i>Councillor John McGhee</i>
Leader of the Green Alliance Group	<i>Councillor Emily Fedorowycz</i>
Deputy Leader of the Green Alliance Group	<i>Councillor Dez Dell</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

- 6.2.1 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 Risk

- 6.3.1 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.

6.4 **Consultation**

6.4.1 Information has been provided by the recognised political groups.

6.5 **Consideration by Scrutiny**

6.5.1 None applicable to this report.

6.6 **Climate Impact**

6.6.1 None applicable to this report.

6.7 **Community Impact**

6.7.1 None applicable to this report.

7. Background Papers

7.1 None.