



Council – 7 January 2013

Notification of Change of Leadership for the Independent Group and Changes to Committee and Sub-Committee Membership

Purpose of report

To advise the Council of a change of leadership within the Independent Group and subsequent changes to committee and sub-committee membership arising from the Oundle by-election and a review of committee membership within the Independent Group.

1.0 Background

- 1.1 The Local Government (Committees and Political Groups) Regulations 1990 lay down procedures for the constitution of political groups. The regulations also provide for the council to review the allocation of seats to political groups (i.e. to secure political balance) in certain circumstances.
- 1.2 As the political balance of the council has not changed, there is no requirement to review the allocation of seats to political groups.

2.0 Independent Group – Notification of Change of Leadership and Changes to Membership of Committees and Sub-Committees

- 2.1 The Proper Officer has received notification of a change of leadership for the Independent Group:

Leader	Councillor David Read
Deputy Leader	Councillor Peter Baden

- 2.2 The Leader of the Independent Group has subsequently reviewed the group's membership on committees and sub-committees and made the following changes with effect from 1 November 2012, which members are asked to note:

Development Control Committee	David Read	(previously Peter Baden)
Finance Sub-Committee	Peter Baden	(previously Richard Gell)
Planning Policy Committee	Peter Baden	(previously Richard Gell)
Policy & Resources Committee	Peter Baden	(previously Richard Gell)
Scrutiny Committee	Richard Gell and David Read	(previously Peter Baden and David Read)

3.0 Conservative Group – Changes in Committee Membership

- 3.1 Following the Oundle by-election held on 15 November 2012, the Leader of the Council has informed the Proper Officer of his intention to fill the vacancies on committees created by the resignation of former councillor David Bateman. Members are asked to note the following appointments:

Planning Policy Committee	Jake Vowles
Scrutiny Committee	Jake Vowles
Waste and Recycling Working Party	Jake Vowles

4.1 Equality and Diversity Implications

4.1 There are no equality and diversity implications arising from the proposals.

5.0 Legal Implications

5.1 The Council is required to comply with the provisions of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 and the subsequent Local Government (Committees and Political Groups) Regulations 1990.

6.0 Recommendation

6.1 1. That the appointment of Councillor David Read as Leader of the Independent Group and Councillor Peter Baden as the Deputy Leader of the Independent Group be noted.

2. That the changes in membership of committees and sub-committees be noted.

Legal	Power: Local Government and Housing Act 1989				
	Other considerations: Local Government (Committees and Political Groups) Regulations 1990				
Background Papers: None					
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