

COUNCIL

7 JULY 2015

REPORT OF CHIEF EXECUTIVE

A.4 **REVIEW OF THE ALLOCATION OF SEATS TO POLITICAL GROUPS**

(Report prepared by Ian Ford)

I formally report that, pursuant to Regulation 10(b) of the Local Government (Committees and Political Groups) Regulations 1990, Councillors Bray, Davis, Gray and Sibbald on 1 and 2 June 2015, served formal notices on the Council that they no longer wished to be treated as members of the Tendring UKIP political group.

In addition, Councillors Bray, Davis, Gray, Sibbald and Whitmore pursuant to Regulation (9(b) of the Local Government (Committees and Political Groups) Regulations 1990, served formal notices on the Council that they wished to be treated as members of the United Kingdom Independence Party [UKIP] political group. The notice was counter-signed by the Leader of the UKIP Group (Councillor Stephenson). Councillor Sibbald then subsequently resigned from the Council.

In accordance with Section 15(1)(e) of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 and Regulation 17(b) of the Local Government (Committees and Political Groups) Regulations 1990 a review of the allocation of seats to political groups was subsequently carried out. Following that review and in accordance with the wishes of the UKIP and Tendring UKIP Group Leaders revised appointments have been made and are set out in the Schedule placed on the table in front of Members tonight.

I further report that, on 8 June 2015, Councillor Bucke formally submitted his resignation as a member of the Local Plan Committee. As Councillor Bucke is not a member of any political group it is a matter for Council to now fill the vacancy.

RECOMMENDED – (a) That, subject to recommendation (b) below, in accordance with the wishes of Group Leaders, Council approves the schedule of Members that it is proposed should serve on each of the Council’s Committees and Sub-Committee, which are subject to the Widdicombe Rules.

(b) That Council appoints a Member to fill the vacancy on the Local Plan Committee.

IAN DAVIDSON
CHIEF EXECUTIVE

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Notices of Wish to no longer to be a Member of a Political Group (Tendring UKIP) signed by Councillors Bray, Davis, Gray and Sibbald dated 1 June 2015.

Notices of Wish to join a Political Group signed by Councillors Bray, Davis, Gray and Sibbald and counter-signed by Councillor Stephenson and dated 1 June 2015.

Formal resignation from membership of the Local Plan Committee received from Councillor Bucke on 8 June 2015.