

**COUNCIL**

**16 MARCH 2021**

**REPORT OF CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

**A.2 CHANGE IN MEMBERSHIP OF POLITICAL GROUPS AND DISSOLUTION OF THE UKIP GROUP**

(Report prepared by Ian Ford)

I formally advise you that, on 29 January 2021 and pursuant to Regulation 10(b) of the Local Government (Committees and Political Groups) Regulations 1990, Councillor James Codling served formal notice on the Council that he no longer wished to be treated as a member of the UKIP political group.

Regulation 8(1) of the Local Government (Committees and Political Groups) Regulations 1990 Regulations require a political group to have a minimum of two members and therefore that meant that the UKIP Group on Tendring District Council automatically ceased to exist as mandated in Regulation 8(2) of those Regulations.

I further advise you that Councillor Codling, also on that date and pursuant to Regulation 9(b) of the Local Government (Committees and Political Groups) Regulations 1990, served formal notice on the Council that he wished to be treated as a member of the Conservative political group. That notice had been duly counter-authorized by the Leader of the Conservative Group (Councillor Neil Stock OBE).

Councillor Stock informed Officers that he did not wish to exercise his right under Section 15(1)(e) of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 and Regulation 17(c) of the Local Government (Committees and Political Groups) Regulations 1990 to have a review of the allocation of seats to political groups carried out. This was due to the fact that the outcome of any such review would not have been enacted by Full Council until this meeting and that, in any case, a review of the allocation of seats will automatically be carried out at the end of this month as part of the preparations for the Annual Meeting of the Council due to be held on 27 April 2021.

This item is submitted for **INFORMATION ONLY**.

**IAN DAVIDSON**  
**CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

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**BACKGROUND PAPERS LIST FOR  
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Notice of a Wish to no longer be treated as a Member of a Political Group (UKIP), submitted by Councillor Codling and dated 29 January 2021.

Notice of Wish to be treated as a Member of a Political Group (Conservative) submitted by Councillor Codling and dated 29 January 2021.