



Report of:	Meeting	Date	Item no.
The Chief Executive (Garry Payne)	Council	22 January 2015	23

Councillor MacNaughton: Change of Political Representation

1. Purpose of report

1.1 To report a change in the political composition of the Council.

2. Outcomes

2.1 Compliance with the legal requirement to report any such changes.

3. Recommendations

3.1 That Cllr MacNaughton's designation as a United Kingdom Independence Party representative be noted.

3.2 That no changes be made to the membership of committees.

4. Background

4.1 A report was submitted to the Council on 16 October stating that Cllr MacNaughton had resigned from the Conservative Group with effect from 12 September and that he wished to be regarded as an Independent Member. Changes were made at that meeting to replace Cllr MacNaughton on the Audit Committee and the Licensing Committee and as Shaping Your Neighbourhood Lead Member for Thornton, with Conservative Members. Since then, Cllr MacNaughton has not been a member of any of the Council's committees.

4.2 Cllr MacNaughton has subsequently informed the Chief Executive that he has joined the United Kingdom Independence Party (UKIP) and that he wishes to be regarded as a representative of that party on the Council.

5. Key issues and proposals

- 5.1 As Cllr MacNaughton is the only representative of UKIP on the Council, he does not form a political group and, therefore, has no automatic entitlement to membership of any of the Council's committees under the political balance requirements set out in Section 15 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989. The change in Cllr MacNaughton's political status has no impact on the entitlement to committee places of either the Conservative Group or the Labour Groups. It is not, therefore, proposed that any changes be made to the membership of committees.

Financial and legal implications	
Finance	None.
Legal	The proposals in this report are in accordance with the requirements of Section 15 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989.

Other risks/implications: checklist

If there are significant implications arising from this report on any issues marked with a ✓ below, the report author will have consulted with the appropriate specialist officers on those implications and addressed them in the body of the report. There are no significant implications arising directly from this report, for those issues marked with a x.

risks/implications	✓ / x
community safety	x
equality and diversity	x
sustainability	x
health and safety	x

risks/implications	✓ / x
asset management	x
climate change	x
data protection	x

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List of background papers:		
name of document	date	where available for inspection
None	-	-

List of appendices

None.