

COMMITTEE REPORT

COUNCIL (ANNUAL)

29 MAY 2015

MAYORAL AND MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS

7 MAY 2015 – RESULTS

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. To report the results of the 2015 municipal elections for the Elected Mayor and Councillors for the Borough and to request instructions regarding the appointment of political assistants for minority groups.

BACKGROUND

Elections Results

2. Appendix 1 to this report provides details of the candidates elected to hold the office of Elected Mayor and Councillors for the Borough of Middlesbrough for the four year term of office following elections held on Thursday 7 May 2015 together with their political make-up (Table 1).
3. Following the elections changes that establish political groups have been notified to the Assistant Director – Organisation and Governance, the political make-up of the Council has therefore now been revised as detailed in Table 2.

Political Assistants

4. Prior to the election, both the Labour and the Conservative Groups had political assistants. The Act that makes provision for political assistants specifies that in order to qualify for a political assistant a group must have at least one – tenth of the membership of the Authority. In respect of this Council that requires a group to have at least 5 members. At present, only the Labour Group has the requisite number of members. The Act further stipulates that if only one group has the requisite number of members, then the next largest group qualifies. However, both the Conservative Group and the Middlesbrough Independent Councillors Association (MICA) have 4 members. In such a case, the Act requires the Council to determine which of the two groups shall be entitled to a political assistant. In the past, the Council has determined that a minority group shall only qualify for a part-time political assistant.

5. Following discussions with the Leader of MICA, it has been confirmed that the group does not wish to have a political assistant. Accordingly it is open to the Conservative Group to have a political assistant.

RECOMMENDATIONS

6. (a) That the results of the Elected Mayoral and Councillor elections held on 7 May 2015 be noted.
- (b) That the Conservative Group qualify to have a part time political assistant.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

Declaration of Result of Poll – 7 May 2015

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MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS – 7 MAY 2015

ELECTION OF MAYOR

| | |
|-------------------------------|--------|
| Christopher David Budd (Dave) | Labour |
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ELECTION OF COUNCILLORS

| Ward | Name | Political Party (If any) |
|------------------------------------|---|--|
| Acklam (2) | Shamal K Biswas Sheila Dean | Labour Labour |
| Ayresome (2) | Denise Rooney Bernard Taylor (Bernie) | Labour Labour |
| Berwick Hills and Pallister (3) | Edward Dryden (Eddie) Julie McGee Michael Thompson (Mick) | Labour Labour Labour |
| Brambles and Thorntree (3) | Terry Lawton Geraldine Purvis Thurston P Purvis (Peter) | Labour Labour Labour |
| Central (3) | Linda Lewis Ansab Shan Zafar Uddin | Labour Labour Labour |
| Coulby Newham (3) | Janice Brunton (Jan) John G Cole (Geoff) Joe Culley | Labour Labour Labour |
| Hemlington (2) | Jeanette A Walker Nicola J Walker | Labour Labour |
| Kader (2) | Ronald Arundale Jordan Blyth | Conservative Labour |
| Ladgate (2) | Michael Carr (Mike) June Goodchild | Labour Labour |
| Linthorpe (2) | Stephen E Bloundele Naweed Hussain | Labour Labour |
| Longlands and Beechwood (3) | Teresa Higgins Joan McTigue Charles Rooney | Labour Independent Labour |
| Marlon East (2) | Dorothy Davison Thomas Mawston (Tom) | Marlon Independents Marlon Independents |
| Marlon West (2) | Christine Hobson (Chris) John Hobson | Conservative Conservative |
| Newport (3) | Bob Brady Tracy Harvey Alma Hellaoui | Labour Labour Labour |
| North Ormesby (1) | Lewis Young | Labour |
| Nunthorpe (2) | Lesley McGloin Jon Rathmell | Independent Independent |
| Park (3) | Frances McIntyre | Labour |

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|----------------------------|---|-----------------------|
| | Julia Rostron Margaret Walters | Labour Labour |
| Park End and Beckfield (3) | Peter A Cox Brian A Hubbard Michael Saunders (Mick) | MICA MICA MICA |
| Stainton and Thornton (1) | David Philip Coupe | Conservative |
| Trimdon (2) | Dennis McCabe Jean Sharrocks | Independent Labour |

TABLE 1

| Political Groups and Others | Total |
|---|-------|
| Labour including the Elected Mayor | 34 |
| Conservative | 4 |
| Marion Independent Group | 2 |
| Middlesbrough Independent Councillors Association | 3 |
| Independents | 4 |

TABLE 2
Balance as at 29 May 2015

| Political Groups and Others | Total |
|---|-------|
| Labour including the Elected Mayor | 34 |
| Conservative | 4 |
| Marion Independent Group | 2 |
| Middlesbrough Independent Councillors Association | 4 |
| Independents (Not a political group) | 3 |