

AGENDA ITEM

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CHANGE OF NAME OF THE INDEPENDENT GROUP

MEETING: COUNCIL
DATE: 15 OCTOBER 2014
REPORT BY: MONITORING OFFICER
WARDS: ALL
COMMUNITY: ALL
FORUMS

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BACKGROUND PAPERS FOR PUBLIC: NONE
REPORTS

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To report a notification received by the Chief Executive that that the Independent group wish to be known as the “UKIP and Independent Group” as from Wednesday 1 October 2014.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 That the change of name of the Independent Group to be known as the “UKIP and Independent Group” is noted and that the group is now known by that name.
- 2.2 To recognise that Councillor Paul Stone is no longer an Independent member of Council but is a member of UKIP on the Council.

3.0 BACKGROUND

- 3.1 The Chief Executive was notified on 2 October 2014 of a change to political groups within Chesterfield Borough Council. With effect from 1 October 2014, Councillor David Stone and Councillor Paul Stone advised the Chief Executive that they wished to be recognised as a political group under the name “UKIP and Independent Group”. Councillor David Stone will remain as an Independent member whilst Councillor Paul Stone has now become a member of UKIP.
- 3.2 The Independent Group has been recognised as a political group on Chesterfield Borough Council since 10 May 2012.
- 3.3 The Local Government [Committees and Political Groups] Regulations 1990 states that the name of a political group may be changed by a notice in writing being delivered to the proper officer and signed by a majority of members of the group [Regulation 8 Section 5].

4.0 IMPLICATIONS ON COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIPS AND POLITICAL BALANCE

- 4.1 The change of name of the Independent Group does not have any implications for Committee memberships as it does not change the political balance of the Council or affect the allocation of places to political groups.

5.0 RECOMMENDATION

- 5.1 That the change of name of the Independent Group to be known as the “UKIP and Independent Group” is noted and that the group is now known by that name.
- 5.2 To recognise that Councillor Paul Stone is no longer an Independent member of Council but is a member of UKIP on the Council.

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