Purpose of report

To advise Council of the result of the Grange Park by-election held on 2 October 2014 and to note changes to membership of Committees as requested by the Conservative Group.

1.0 Recommendations

The meeting is recommended:

1.1 To note the results of the Grange Park by-election held on 2 October 2014.

1.2 To note the constitution of the Council following the by-election.

1.3 To note the amendments to Scrutiny Committee membership as requested by the Conservative Group following the by-election (paragraph 3.5).

2.0 Introduction

2.1 A by-election for the two recently vacated seats in the Grange Park ward of South Northamptonshire Council was held on 2 October 2014.

2.2 Following a district by-election the result is reported to Council for information. No adjustment to the allocation of seats and substitutes is necessary but amendments to Scrutiny Committee membership are also reported.

3.0 Report Details

3.1 The overall turnout for the Grange Park by-election held on 2 October 2014 was 19.9%.

3.2 The number of votes cast for the candidates was:
Katie Chick (UK Independence Party) - 84 votes
Simon Alexander Clifford (Conservative Party) - 433 votes
Peter Jeffrey Conquest; (UK Independence Party) - 100 votes
Ian Grant (Labour Party) - 151 votes
Adil Sadygov (Conservative Party) - 313 votes

3.3 Simon Alexander Clifford (Conservative Party) and Adil Sadygov (Conservative Party) were duly elected.

3.4 Following the by-election, the constitution of the Council and political groups remains 32 (76%) Conservatives, 7 (17%) Independent and 3 (7%) Liberal Democrats.

3.5 The Leader of the Conservative Group has given notice of the following change to the membership of the Scrutiny Committee:

Remove: Councillor Peter Rawlinson
Remove: Councillor Kath Bonner-Dunham
Add: Councillor Simon Alexander
Add: Councillor Adil Sadygov

4 Conclusion and Reasons for Recommendations

4.1 The result of the Grange park by-election is submitted to Council for information. Council is required to agree appointments to Committees in accordance with nominations made by political groups.

5.0 Consultation

None

6.0 Alternative Options and Reasons for Rejection

6.1 The following alternative options have been identified and rejected for the reasons as set out below.

Option 1: To amend the appointments to Committees. However Council is obliged to appoint members to Committees in accordance with the wishes of the relevant political group.

7.0 Implications
Financial and Resource Implications

7.1 There are no financial implications arising from this report

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Legal Implications

7.2 It is a legal requirement for Council to agree proportionality and appoint committees.

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Risk Implications

7.3 In ensuring the legal requirements are met, risk to the authority is mitigated.

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8.0 Decision Information

Wards Affected

All

Links to Corporate Plan and Policy Framework

All

Lead Councillor

None

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