

Conservative Group & Liberal Democrat Group – Joint Opposition Party Agreement

THIS AGREEMENT is made the 14th day of May 2024

1 BETWEEN

Cllr Tom Dyer, Leader of the Conservative Opposition Group and Cllr Clare Smalley, Leader of the Liberal Democrat Opposition Group.

2 WHEREAS

Following the results of the 2024 Local Elections, the two aforementioned opposition groups are of equal size. The Opposition Groups have therefore reached agreement as to who will take the lead as the City Council's main opposition.

3 AGREEMENT

This Agreement confirms that the role of Official Opposition will be shared on the City of Lincoln Council over the next 2 years (as there are no City Council elections until 2026), as per the details below:

- The Liberal Democrat Group will become the Official Opposition Group on the City of Lincoln Council to commence on the 14th May 2024.
- The Liberal Democrat Group will remain as the Official Opposition Group until the Annual General Meeting of the Council in May.
- As at the Annual General Meeting in May 2025 the Conservative Group will become the Official Opposition Group.

Therefore, for the civic year May 2024 – May 2025 the Liberal Democrat Group will be entitled to the following -

- Opposition Leader's allowance
- Opposition seats within the council chamber
- First right to speak at the budget and any other key events
- Briefings with the Chief Executive on a monthly / six weekly basis, or as and when required

Signed.

Tom Dyer, Leader of the Conservative Party

Dated.....

14.05.24

Signed..

Clare Smalley, Leader of the Liberal Democrat Party

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14.5.24