

Political Group Research Assistants

This Council has taken advantage of a legal power to introduce a scheme whereby the two largest Political Groups of Councillors on the Council are entitled to appoint Political Research Assistants. Unlike other officers, who have to be totally impartial in their dealings with Political Groups, Political Assistants are expected to work exclusively in support of one Political Group only. These officers provide administrative support to Political Group meetings as well as undertaking detailed research on behalf of Group Members. They also offer advice about achieving the Group's aims within the Council.

Political Assistants are part of the Council and Member Services Team of officers but who have a direct working relationship with the Political Group Leader and Group Members. They are:-

- Conservative Political Research Assistant - Antony Morrison - Telephone (01225) 394449
- Liberal Democrat Political Research Assistant - Jennifer Pack - Telephone (01225) 477419

Group Support Officers

Members of the two smallest Political Groups have available to them the services of part-time Group Support Officers who are part of the Council and Member Services Team of officers but who have a direct working relationship with the Political Group Leader and Group Members. They are:-

- Labour Group Support Officer - Sarah Prettejohns - Telephone (01225) 477494
- Independent Group Support Officer - Judith Clothier - Telephone (01225) 396586