

YOUR COUNCILLORS: 2011-2015



Waveney District Council moved to 'all out' elections this year meaning that, for the first time, all 48 seats were contested at the same time.

The election produced one of the more dramatic outcomes, courtesy of a dead heat: 23 Conservatives, 23 Labour, 1 Green, 1 Independent. This means that the Council is now under 'no overall control' by one party and, after discussions about the formation of a new administration, Independent Member, Cllr Peter Collecott was elected as Chairman and used his casting

vote to elect Conservative Group Lead Cllr Colin Law as Leader of the Council.

Cllr Law replaces former Leader Cllr Mark Bee (both pictured, right) who stepped down from the role at the election. Cllr Law, has subsequently formed a new administration (details of which are on page 10).

In terms of how the make-up of the District Council has changed, the Conservatives lost two seats, the Labour group gained eight seats, the Liberal Democrats lost their only two seats, the Independents lost

two seats, the Greens retained their one seat and the two vacant seats were filled.

Cllr Law said: "I want to ensure that we remain recognised as a high-performing authority and a benchmark for other councils. The previous Conservative Administration managed its finances so well, it had no need to cut any frontline services at the last budget. Therefore, in many ways, it will be business as usual here at Waveney.

"I am determined to settle for nothing but the best for Waveney and its communities.

Conservative	23	Labour	23	Green	1	Independent	1
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I will be a listening Leader, determined to learn from the people of Waveney, ensuring we deliver what is in their best interests.

"Our number one priority is to ensure that the needs of our most vulnerable citizens are met and that we continue to deliver services which they want and need. We must continue to build on the excellent performance ratings we have received from our tenants and make sure that the voices of those hardest to hear are not ignored."

