



**SOUTH
KESTEVEN
DISTRICT
COUNCIL**



Council

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Karen Bradford, Chief Executive

Appointments to Outside Bodies and Committees

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Purpose of Report

To provide Full Council with an opportunity to appoint to an Outside Body (Grantham Transport Strategy Group).

The report also provides the South Kesteven Coalition Group with an opportunity to appoint Members to vacancies on Committees and enables the Council to appoint a Chairman of the Finance and Economic Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

This item also enables Group Leaders to propose changes to the membership of other Outside Bodies or Committees.

Recommendations

That Council:

- 1. Approves the appointment of one elected representative to sit on the Grantham Transport Strategy Group outside body.**
- 2. Approves any appointments or changes to the membership of other Outside Bodies**
- 3. Approves the appointment of the nominations from the South Kesteven Coalition Group for one seat on each of the following committees:**
 - Environment Overview & Scrutiny Committee
 - Finance and Economic Overview & Scrutiny Committee
 - Planning Committee
 - Standards Committee

4. **Appoints a Chairman to the Finance and Economic Overview & Scrutiny Committee.**
5. **Approves any other nominations from Political Groups to make appointments or changes to the membership of Committees.**

Decision Information	
Does the report contain any exempt or confidential information not for publication?	No
What are the relevant corporate priorities?	High performing Council
Which wards are impacted?	All

Implications

Taking into consideration implications relating to finance and procurement, legal and governance, risk and mitigation, health and safety, diversity and inclusion, safeguarding, staffing, community safety, mental health and wellbeing and the impact on the Council's declaration of a climate change emergency, the following implications have been identified:

Finance and Procurement

- 1.1 A Special Responsibility Allowance of £6,366 is available to be claimed by the Chairman of an Overview & Scrutiny Committee. With the post currently vacant this is not being claimed.

There are no other financial implications arising from this report.

Reviewed by: Alison Hall-Wright, Deputy Director of Finance and ICT and Deputy S151 Officer

Legal and Governance

- 1.2 It is understood that the Grantham Transport Strategy Board does not have any requirement for the Council's appointment to reflect its political balance, and therefore any member of the Council would be eligible for appointment.

Recent reduction in numbers of the South Kesteven Coalition Group has no impact on political proportionality or allocation of committee seats.

Reviewed by: James Welbourn, Democratic Services Manager and Deputy Monitoring Officer

2. Background to the Report

Grantham Transport Strategy

- 2.1 Democratic Services was contacted on 20 December 2023 to ask for the name of an elected representative to attend the Grantham Transport Strategy Board, which is supported by Lincolnshire County Council, and reports into the Lincolnshire County Council Highways and Transport Scrutiny Committee.
- 2.2 Former District Councillor Adam Stokes served on this Board as a member of both Lincolnshire County Council and South Kesteven District Council, but he lost his district seat in May 2023.
- 2.3 The Grantham Transport Strategy has been developed by Lincolnshire County Council and aims to provide a vision for the future of transport and travel in and around Grantham. Further information is contained within the Grantham Transport Strategy, which can be found online:

<https://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/directory-record/61682/grantham-transport-strategy>,

and also on the web library at

<https://moderngov.southkesteven.gov.uk/ecSDDisplay.aspx?NAME=Grantham%20Transport%20Strategy&ID=438&RPID=12855508>.

Vacant committee seats

- 2.4 Councillor Mark Whittington ceased to be a member of the South Kesteven Coalition Group on 24 November 2023, and now sits on the Council as an 'Independent – Unaligned' member.
- 2.5 As Councillor Whittington is no longer a member of a political group on the Council this left vacancies on the four committees listed in the report, as well as leaving a Chairman vacancy on the Finance and Economic Overview & Scrutiny Committee.
- 2.6 Both Councillor Barry Dobson and Councillor Rosemary Trollope-Bellew left the South Kesteven Coalition Group on 12 January 2024 – this and the change of political status of Councillor Mark Whittington does not impact on political balance and they all now sit as 'Independent – Unaligned' members. Councillors Barry Dobson and Rosemary Trollope-Bellew were not members of any committees other than Full Council.

3. Key Considerations

- 3.1 One representative from Full Council is required to serve on the Grantham Transport Strategy Board.
- 3.2 The South Kesteven Coalition Group is invited to propose a Member to each of the following:
- Environment Overview & Scrutiny Committee,
 - Finance and Economic Overview & Scrutiny Committee,
 - Planning Committee,
 - Standards Committee.
- 3.3 A Chairman for the Finance and Economic Overview & Scrutiny Committee is requested.

4. Other Options Considered

- 4.1 To propose other nominations for appointments to Outside Bodies.
- 4.2 To make any other changes to the membership of Committees.

5. Reasons for the Recommendations

- 5.1 To ensure that the Council has sufficient representation on Committees and Outside Bodies and in other roles deemed necessary or appropriate.