



**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 update on changes to the Council's political proportionality and the allocation of committee seats as a result of changes in individual Members' political affiliation.

The report also seeks approval to formally confirm the appointment of Councillor Ashley Baxter as Leader of the Council to represent South Kesteven District Council on the Local Government Association and East Midlands Councils.

Recommendations

That Council:

1. Notes changes to the political proportionality on the Council and the allocation of seats to Committees.
2. Approves the appointment of nominations from the Democratic Independent Group for one seat on the Licensing Committee, one seat on the Standards Committee and one seat on the Chief Executive's Appeals Panel.
3. Approves any changes to membership of Committees proposed by other political group leaders.
4. Approves the appointment of Councillor Ashley Baxter in his capacity as Leader of the Council to represent the Council at the Local Government Association and East Midlands Councils.

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Does the report contain any exempt or confidential information not for publication?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 There are no financial implications arising from this report.

Reviewed by: Richard Wyles, Deputy Chief Executive and Section 151 Officer.

Legal and Governance

- 1.2 There are no significant legal and governance implications arising from this report.

Reviewed by: Graham Watts, Assistant Director (Governance and Public Protection) and Monitoring Officer

2. Background to the Report

Political Proportionality

- 2.1 Since the last meeting of Full Council, the required notice was provided that Councillor Mark Whittington re-joined the South Kesteven Coalition Group and Councillor Barry Dobson joined the Democratic Independent Group.
- 2.2 These changes have resulted in a slight change to the Council's political proportionality and allocation of committee seats, as set out in **Appendix 1**, leading to an increase in the allocation attributed to the Democratic Independent Group. Consequently, the Democratic Independent Group is now entitled to seats originally held by the Labour and Co-operative Group on the Licensing Committee and Standards Committee, as well as a seat on the Chief Executive's Appeals Panel originally held by the Grantham Independent Group.

- 2.3 The Democratic Independent Group is invited to allocate Members to these seats.

Outside Bodies

- 2.4 The Leader of the Council is required to represent the Council on the Local Government Association and East Midlands Councils as ex officio appointments. Full Council is therefore invited to confirm Councillor Ashley Baxter as its representative on these outside bodies.

3. Other Options Considered

- 3.1 To propose other nominations for appointments to Committees or Outside Bodies.

4. Reasons for the Recommendations

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