



Appointments to Committees and Panels of the Council

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Purpose of Report

All Political Group Leaders are responsible for nominating Members from within their respective Groups to each of the Committees/Panels, in accordance with the political proportionality of the Authority as appropriate.

Recommendations

Full Council is recommended to approve appointments to committee seats as proposed by respective political group leaders at 3.3 of the report.

Decision Information

Does the report contain any exempt or confidential information not for publication? No

What are the relevant corporate priorities? Effective council

Which wards are impacted? (All Wards);

1. 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 as a result of this report. Any associated members expenses can be contained within existing budgets.

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Legal and Governance

- 1.2 Appointments to the Council's Committees, or changes to their makeup must be agreed by Full Council.

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2. Background to the Report

- 2.1 Section 15 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 and the Local Government (Committees and Political Groups) Regulations 1990 introduced statutory requirements that, where a relevant authority has a membership divided into different political groups, it must ensure that appointments reflect the political balance of the Council as a whole.
- 2.2 During the annual meeting of Full Council many seats on committees of Council were allocated to Councillors; any remaining vacancies were filled under delegation to the Chief Executive in consultation with political group leaders.
- 2.3 Full Council can amend membership of committees.

3. Key Considerations

- 3.1 When making appointments, the following factors must be taken into consideration:
 - In order to demonstrate a robust and effective scrutiny process, no member of Cabinet may sit on an Overview and Scrutiny Committee.
 - Membership of the Chief Executive's Appeal Panel must include at least one member of Cabinet.

- Members of the Chief Executive's Appeal Panel should not be Members of the Employment Committee. This is to ensure that any appeal lodged is considered by Members who have not previously been involved with any matters being challenged.

3.2 Political groups can 'gift' any of their allocated seats to another political group, or to a designated individual Member of the Council.

3.3 Following this a change to the membership of committees was requested by the following Group Leaders:

- Councillor Susan Sandall to replace Councillor Nikki Manterfield on the Housing Overview and Scrutiny Committee.
- The Grantham Independent Group to gift their seat on Rural and Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee to the Independent Group. This would see Councillor James Denniston replace Councillor Steven Cunnington as a member of this committee.

4. Reasons for the Recommendations

4.1. Full Council must make appointments as prescribed by legislation and the Council's Constitution. The report facilitates this requirement.