

**Guildhall Gainsborough  
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**Supplement AGENDA**

Prayers will be conducted prior to the start of the meeting.  
Members are welcome to attend.

**Notice** is hereby given that a meeting of the Council will be held in the Council Chamber - The Guildhall, Marshall's Yard, Gainsborough, DN21 2NA, , on **Monday, 11th May, 2026 at 7.00 pm**, and your attendance at such meeting is hereby requested to transact the following business.

**To: Members of West Lindsey District Council**

1. REPORTS FOR DETERMINATION

c. Appointment of Members to Committees for the Civic Year 2026/2027

In accordance with the provisions of Section 16 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989, to appoint Members to Committees for the Civic Year, in accordance with the wishes expressed by the Political Groups.

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d. Appointment of Committee Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen for the Civic Year 2026/27 and to Agree the Normal Commencement Time for Each Committee

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Paul Burkinshaw  
Head of Paid Service  
The Guildhall  
Gainsborough

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Annual Council

11 May 2026

**Subject: Appointment of Members to the Committees for the 2026/2027 Civic Year**

**Report by:**

Monitoring Officer

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### **Executive Summary:**

This report sets out the wishes expressed by political groups in respect of the appointment of Members to serve on the Committees of the Council for the civic year 2026/2027 as result of the allocations having been amended under Section 15 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989.

### **Appendices to Report**

- None

### **RECOMMENDATION(S):**

- (a) That in accordance with the provisions of section 16 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 and the wishes expressed by political groups, Members be appointed to serve on the Council's Committees for the 2026/2027 civic year as set out within this report or provided verbally at the meeting;**
- (b) that the Chief Executive give effect to the wishes expressed by political groups as to the members of the group that shall fill the seats allocated to them where these are not provided at the meeting (subject to legal deadline).**

## **1. Introduction**

- 1.1 In accordance with the provision of section 16 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989, it is the duty of the Council to make appointments to Committees in accordance with the wishes expressed by political groups following the determination under section 15 (the allocation of seats to political groups- covered by an earlier report at the same meeting).
- 1.2 Section 2 details the wishes expressed by the political groups to-date.

## **2 Appointment of Committees**

### **2.1 Chief Officer Employment Committee (9 Members)**

Councillor John Barrett  
Councillor Owen Bierley  
Councillor Trevor Bridgwood  
Councillor Jackie Brockway  
Councillor Paul Howitt-Cowan  
Councillor Paul Key  
Councillor Maureen Palmer  
Councillor Baptiste Velan  
Councillor Moira Westley

### **2.2 Thriving Council Committee (7 Members)**

Councillor Owen Bierley  
Councillor Matthew Boles  
Councillor Trevor Bridgwood  
Councillor Ian Fleetwood  
Councillor Paul Howitt-Cowan  
Councillor Paul Key  
Councillor Paul Swift

### **2.3 Thriving Places Committee (7 Members)**

Councillor Trevor Bridgwood  
Councillor Jacob Flear  
Councillor Angela Lawrence  
Councillor Peter Morris  
Councillor Maureen Palmer  
Councillor Lesley Rollings  
Councillor Moira Westley

### **2.4 Thriving People Committee (7 Members)**

Councillor Emma Bailey  
Councillor Owen Bierley  
Councillor Frazer Brown  
Councillor Stephen Bunney  
Councillor Jeanette McGhee  
Councillor Tom Smith  
Councillor Trevor Young

**2.5 Governance and Audit Committee (7 Members)**

Councillor John Barrett  
Councillor Stephen Bunney  
Councillor Chris Darcel  
Councillor David Dobbie  
Councillor Angela Lawrence  
Councillor Mandy Snee  
Councillor Paul Swift

**2.6 Licensing Committee (10 Members)**

Councillor Eve Bennett  
Councillor Stephen Bunney  
Councillor Karen Carless  
Councillor Angela Lawrence  
Councillor Paul Lee  
Councillor Maureen Palmer  
Councillor Lesley Rollings  
Councillor Jim Snee  
Councillor Mandy Snee  
Councillor Trevor Young

**2.7 Regulatory Committee (10 Members)**

Councillor Eve Bennett  
Councillor Stephen Bunney  
Councillor Karen Carless  
Councillor Angela Lawrence  
Councillor Paul Lee  
Councillor Maureen Palmer  
Councillor Lesley Rollings  
Councillor Jim Snee  
Councillor Mandy Snee  
Councillor Trevor Young

**2.8 Planning Committee (9 Members)**

Councillor John Barrett

Councillor Matthew Boles  
 Councillor David Dobbie  
 Councillor Adam Duguid  
 Councillor Jacob Flear  
 Councillor Ian Fleetwood  
 Councillor Sebastian Hague  
 Councillor Tom Smith  
 Councillor Jim Snee

**2.9 Overview and Scrutiny Committee (9 members)**

Councillor David Dobbie  
 Councillor Jacob Flear  
 Councillor Jeanette McGhee  
 Councillor Lynda Mullally  
 Councillor Maureen Palmer  
 Councillor Roger Patterson  
 Councillor Roger Pilgrim  
 Councillor Lesley Rollings  
 Councillor Mandy Snee

**2.10 Standards Committee (6 Members)**

Councillor Trevor Bridgwood  
 Councillor Karen Carless  
 Councillor Adam Duguid  
 Councillor Paul Howitt-Cowan  
 Councillor Paul Lee  
 Councillor Moira Westley

**(No.) Alternative Options**

	<b>Option</b>	<b>Rational for not recommending</b>
1	To not appoint Members to Committees	This would not address legal requirements, and the Council would be unable to operate

## ASSOCIATED IMPLICATIONS

### **Legal:**

In accordance with the provisions of section 16 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 it is the duty of the Council to make appointments to Committees in accordance with the wishes expressed by political groups following the determination under section 15 (the allocation of seats to political groups-covered by an earlier report at the same meeting).

Groups must express their wishes within a 3-week period or the matter returns to Full Council , who may appoint the seats as they choose.

### **Financial: FIN/24/27/SSC**

No financial implications arising from this report

### **Staffing:**

None directly arising from this report

### **LGR implications:**

None

### **Equality and Diversity including Human Rights:**

None directly arising from this report

### **Data Protection Implications:**

None directly arising from this report

### **Climate Related Risks and Opportunities:**

None directly arising from this report

### **Section 17 Crime and Disorder Considerations:**

None directly arising from this report

### **Health Implications:**

None directly arising from this report

<b>Risk Assessment:</b>

<b>Title and Location of any Background Papers used in the preparation of this report:</b>
These are not appendices – you should list here any supporting information used to inform your report – eg government guidance –

**Call in and Urgency:**

**Is the decision one which Rule 14.7 of the Scrutiny Procedure Rules apply?**

i.e. is the report exempt from being called in due to urgency (in consultation with C&I chairman)    **Yes**                       **No**

**Key Decision:**

A matter which affects two or more wards, or has significant financial implications    **Yes**                       **No**



Annual Council

11 May 2026

**Subject: Appointment of Committee Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen for 2026/2027 Civic Year and to agree the normal commencement time for each Committee**

**Report by:**

Monitoring Officer

**Contact Officer:**

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## Executive Summary:

This report seeks to appoint Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen to each of the Committees for the 2026/2027 Civic Year and agree the normal commencement time of each of the Committees.

## Appendices to Report

- None

## RECOMMENDATION(S):

- (a) That Council appoint Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen, for the 2026/27 Civic Year to the following Committees: -

- (a) Chief Officer Employment Committee
- (b) Thriving Council Committee
- (c) Thriving Places Committee
- (d) Thriving People Committee
- (e) Planning Committee
- (f) Governance and Audit Committee
- (g) Licensing Committee
- (h) Overview and Scrutiny Committee
- (i) Regulatory Committee
- (j) Standards Committee

- (b) That Council agrees the normal commencement time for each of the above-named Committees in accordance with the schedule detailed in Table 1 of the report.

## 1. Introduction

- 1.1 In accordance with the Constitution, the Full Council is the responsible body for the appointment of Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen to each Committee.
- 1.2 The Full Council is also responsible for determining the normal commencement time for each of the committees.
- 1.3 Table 1 below sets out the nominations for each available position and proposed commencement time for each Committee. It is being proposed that the Governance and Audit Committee commencement time moves to 6.00pm as opposed to 2.00pm.
- 1.4 Counter nominations are acceptable at the meeting, except in the case of the Chairman for the Chief Officer Employment Committee and the Thriving Council Committee, which are chaired by the Leader of the Council or their nominee, as stated in the Constitution.

**Table 1**

<b>Committee</b>	<b>Chairman</b>	<b>Vice Chairman</b>	<b>Normal Start Time</b>
Chief Officer Employment	(Leader or Leader's Nominee) Councillor John Barrett	Councillor Trevor Bridgwood	Meetings convened as required
Thriving Council	(Leader or Leader's Nominee) Councillor Owen Bierley	Councillor Paul Swift	6.30pm
Thriving Places	Councillor Peter Morris	Councillor Jacob Flear	6.30pm
Thriving People	Councillor Stephen Bunney	Councillor Tom Smith	6.30pm
Planning	Councillor Ian Fleetwood	Councillor Matthew Boles	6.30pm
Governance & Audit	Councillor Mandy Snee	Councillor Angela Lawrence	6.00pm
Licensing*	Councillor Jim Snee	Councillor Maureen Palmer	6.30pm**
Overview & Scrutiny	Councillor Jeanette McGhee	Councillor Roger Patterson	6.30pm**

Regulatory*	Councillor Jim Snee	Councillor Maureen Palmer	6.30pm**
Standards	Councillor Adam Duguid	Councillor Karen Carless	6:00pm

\* Position must be held by same person

\*\* Sub-Committees for these meetings will be convened as required and start times agreed per meeting.

## (2) Alternative Options

	Option	Rational for not recommending
1	To not appoint Chairmen/ Vice Chairmen	Each Committee would have to agree a Chairman for the meeting only as and when each committee met – whilst this legally can be done, it is impractical and provides no political lead with which officers can work.

## ASSOCIATED IMPLICATIONS

### **Legal:**

It is the responsibility of Full Council to agree Chairmanships, Vice-Chairmanships, and start times for meetings at its Annual meeting as per the Constitution.

### **Financial: FIN/25/27/SSc**

Special Responsibility Allowances (SRAs) are payable to Committee Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen at a rate agreed by the Independent Remuneration Panel. These costs are met from the Members' Allowance budget which is set following any recommendation from the Panel and subsequent approval by Full Council.

The current Administration has expressed the wish that no Councillor shall be awarded more than one SRA, and that no Committee shall have more than one Vice-Chairman

All payable Special Responsibility Allowances in this report can be met from existing budgets of £74.1k for 2026/27.

### **Staffing:**

None directly arising as a result of this report.

### **LGR implications:**

None directly arising as a result of this report.

### **Equality and Diversity including Human Rights:**

None directly arising as a result of this report.

### **Data Protection Implications:**

None directly arising as a result of this report.

### **Climate Related Risks and Opportunities:**

None directly arising as a result of this report.

### **Section 17 Crime and Disorder Considerations:**

None directly arising as a result of this

**Health Implications:**

None directly arising as a result of this report.

**Risk Assessment:**

None directly arising as a result of this report.

**Title and Location of any Background Papers used in the preparation of this report:**

Nominations received from Administration.

**Call in and Urgency:**

**Is the decision one which Rule 14.7 of the Scrutiny Procedure Rules apply?**

*i.e. is the report exempt from being called in due to urgency (in consultation with C&I chairman)*

**Yes**

**No**

**Key Decision:**

*A matter which affects two or more wards, or has significant financial implications*

**Yes**

**No**