



Council

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Subject: To Appoint to the vacancies remaining on the Overview and Scrutiny Committee following Annual Council

Report by:

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Purpose / Summary:

That Council appoint Members to the vacancies remaining on the Overview and Scrutiny Committee following Annual Council on 9 May 2022, and to elect a Vice-Chairman for the Committee.

RECOMMENDATION(S):

- (1) That Council appointments five Members of Council to serve on the Overview and Scrutiny Committee for the remainder of the 2022/23 Civic Year; and**
- (2) That Council appoint a Vice- Chairman of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee from within the existing Membership of the Committee.**

IMPLICATIONS

Legal:

In accordance with the provisions of regulation 15 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989.

Voting on appointments is governed by Council Procedure Rule 14.6.

Financial : FIN/62/23/FC/EF

An allowance of £1,492 is payable to the Vice-Chairman of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee and is payable from agreed budgets.

Staffing :

None

Equality and Diversity including Human Rights :

None

Data Protection Implications :

None

Climate Related Risks and Opportunities :

None

Section 17 Crime and Disorder Considerations :

None

Health Implications:

None

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

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Risk Assessment :

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

1 Introduction

- 1.1 Annual Council at its meeting on 9 May, considered a report which set out the details of the political groups on the Council, the number of Members to be appointed to serve on each committee and the allocation to different political groups of seats on the committees.
<https://democracy.west-lindsey.gov.uk/documents/s30605/Review%20Of%20The%20Allocation%20Of%20Seats%20To%20Political%20Groups%20On%20CommitteesSub%20-Committees.pdf>
- 1.2 Having determined the allocations, Council were asked to appointment Members to serve on each of the Committees in accordance with the wishes expressed by political groups.
<https://democracy.west-lindsey.gov.uk/documents/s30608/Appointment%20Of%20Committees%20for%20the%20202223%20Civic%20Year.pdf>
- 1.3 The Liberal Democrat Group were afforded 5 places on the Overview and Scrutiny Committee but indicated at Annual Council they would not be nominating Members from the Group to resume the seats afforded.
- 1.4 The allocation of seats to Political Groups is governed by the Local Government and Housing Act 1989.
- 1.5 Regulation 15 provides for occasions where a political group has failed to express it wishes

Appointments where political group fails to express wishes

15. Where a political group has failed to express its wishes in relation to the appointment to such a seat as is mentioned in regulation 14 within the period of three weeks beginning with the date on which notice was given under that regulation, the authority or committee may make such appointment to that seat as they think fit.

- 1.6 Further opportunity has been provided to the Leader of the Opposition since Annual Council, but in the continued absence of wishes having been expressed, it is now permissible for Council to appoint any Members to the remaining 5 seats on the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.
- 1.7 Furthermore, at Annual Council, no nominations were forthcoming for the position of Vice-Chairman of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

2 Recommendations

- 2.1 Council are asked to appointment five Members of Council to serve on the Overview and Scrutiny Committee for the remainder of the 2022/23 Civic Year; and
- 2.2 Council are also asked to appoint a Vice- Chairman of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee from within the existing Membership of the Committee.