



Open Report on behalf of Andrew Crookham, Executive Director - Resources

Report to:	County Council
Date:	19 May 2023
Subject:	Appointment of Chairmen and Vice Chairmen of Committees and Sub-Committees

Summary:

The purpose of this report is to set out for consideration nominations for the positions of Chairmen and Vice Chairmen of the Council's Committees and Sub-Committees for the forthcoming municipal year.

Recommendation(s):

That the nominations for Chairmen and Vice-Chairman of Committees and Sub-Committees (as set out in Appendix A which will be circulated with the OOP) be considered and the Council agree the necessary appointments.

1. Background

- 1.1 Each established Committee and Sub-Committee requires appointment of a Chairman and Vice-Chairman for the ensuing municipal year.
- 1.2 Nominations received are set out in Appendix A to this report which will be circulated within the OOP.
- 1.3 Members are asked to give consideration to the nominations, and to agree appointments for the 2023/24 municipal year.
- 1.4 Members may note that the following meetings have constitutional rights to appoint their own Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen:
 - Lincolnshire Health and Wellbeing Board;
 - Health Scrutiny Committee for Lincolnshire;
 - Bourne Town Hall Trust Management Committee; and
 - Corporate Parenting Panel.

At the first meeting of the municipal year for each of these bodies, they will elect a Chairman and Vice Chairman from its appointed membership.

2. Legal Issues:

Equality Act 2010

Under section 149 of the Equality Act 2010, the Council must, in the exercise of its functions, have due regard to the need to:

- Eliminate discrimination, harassment, victimisation and any other conduct that is prohibited by or under the Act.
- Advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it.
- Foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it.

The relevant protected characteristics are age; disability; gender reassignment; pregnancy and maternity; race; religion or belief; sex; and sexual orientation.

Having due regard to the need to advance equality of opportunity involves having due regard, in particular, to the need to:

- Remove or minimise disadvantages suffered by persons who share a relevant protected characteristic that are connected to that characteristic.
- Take steps to meet the needs of persons who share a relevant protected characteristic that are different from the needs of persons who do not share it.
- Encourage persons who share a relevant protected characteristic to participate in public life or in any other activity in which participation by such persons is disproportionately low.

The steps involved in meeting the needs of disabled persons that are different from the needs of persons who are not disabled include, in particular, steps to take account of disabled persons' disabilities.

Having due regard to the need to foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it involves having due regard, in particular, to the need to tackle prejudice, and promote understanding.

Compliance with the duties in section 149 may involve treating some persons more favourably than others.

The duty cannot be delegated and must be discharged by the decision-maker. To discharge the statutory duty the decision-maker must analyse all the relevant material with the specific statutory obligations in mind. If a risk of adverse impact is identified consideration must be given to measures to avoid that impact as part of the decision-making process.

There is no impact on equalities arising from the appointment of Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen.
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Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA and the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy (JHWS)

The Council must have regard to the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) and the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy (JHWS) in coming to a decision.

There are no implications for the JSNA or JHWS in relation to appointing Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen.

Crime and Disorder

Under section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998, the Council must exercise its various functions with due regard to the likely effect of the exercise of those functions on, and the need to do all that it reasonably can to prevent crime and disorder in its area (including anti-social and other behaviour adversely affecting the local environment), the misuse of drugs, alcohol and other substances in its area and re-offending in its area.

There are no implications in relation to Crime and Disorder arising from the appointment of Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen.

3. Conclusion

The Council's Constitution provides that that it is for the Council, at its Annual Meeting, to appoint the Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen of Committees and Sub-Committees, excluding those detailed in paragraph 1.4.

4. Legal Comments:

The Council's Constitution provides for the Council to appoint the Chairmen and Vice Chairmen of the Council's Committees and Sub-Committees, (with the exception of the Health Scrutiny Committee for Lincolnshire, the Lincolnshire Health and Wellbeing Board, the Bourne Town Hall Trust Management Committee and the Corporate Parenting Panel) and for appointments to take place at the Annual Meeting.

5. Resource Comments:

Chairmen and Vice Chairmen are remunerated in accordance with the Members' Allowance Scheme which is agreed separately to the appointment to these positions. Therefore, there are no specific financial implications arising from the appointment to these established roles.

6. Consultation

a) Has Local Member Been Consulted?

No

b) Has Executive Councillor Been Consulted?

No

c) Scrutiny Comments

N/A

d) Risks and Impact Analysis

N/A

7. Appendices

These are listed below and attached at the back of the report	
Appendix A	Nominations for Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen Positions for 2023/24 (to be circulated with the OOP)

8. Background Papers

No background papers within Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972 were used in the preparation of this report.

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