

Decision under Delegated Powers

Appointments to Committees 2024/25

Officer Requesting Decision

Head of Democracy

Officer Making the Decision

Head of Democracy

Recommendation

That committee appointments 1-3 be made with effect from **25th November 2024**, and committee appointment 4 be made with effect from **1st December 2024** and as required in the Constitution be noted at the next Council meeting on 20th January 2025:

	Committee name	Current Rep	Proposed Rep
1	Audit Committee	Cllr Infield	Cllr Bellamy
2	Finance & Performance Scrutiny Committee	Vacant Vice Chair position	Cllr Lawrence – Vice Chair
3	Plans Committee	Cllr Lawrence	Cllr Infield
4	Scrutiny Commission	Cllr Seaton – Conservative Group Chair	Cllr Rattray – Conservative Group Chair

Reasons

Appointments 1-3

There was a by-election for the Sileby and Seagrave ward on 31st October 2024 following the resignation of Green Member, Councillor Faye Forde. The Greens retained the seat for the Sileby and Seagrave ward and the Green Group have now made changes to their allocated committee seats.

Appointment 4

Councillor Seaton was appointed Chair of the Scrutiny Commission at Annual Council on 13th May 2024. An agreement has been made between the Group Leaders' that the chairmanship would change every six months to another member of the Conservative Group. Councillor Rattray is a current member of the Scrutiny Commission.

Authority for Decision

Whilst the Leader of the Council is able to appoint Cabinet members, allocate Executive responsibilities and make changes to the delegation of Executive functions, Committee appointments need a Council decision under the Local Government and Housing Act 1989, and the Local Government (Committees and Political Groups) Regulations 1990.

The next scheduled Council meeting is on 20th January 2025 and as there are scheduled meetings before that date, it is necessary that the Head of Democracy makes a delegated decision. The Head of Democracy has delegated authority to make interim committee appointments if notice is received from the relevant group leader (section 11.2(d) of the Constitution in respect of scrutiny appointments and section 12.4(a) of the Constitution in respect of other committee appointments).

Decision and Date



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Financial Implications

There are no additional financial costs. The Special Responsibility Allowance (SRA) in respect of the Vice Chair appointment on the Finance and Performance Scrutiny Committee will be met from the existing councillors' allowances budget.

Risk Management

No risks have been identified with this decision.

Key Decision:	No
Background Papers:	None
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