

Bolsover District Council

Meeting of the Extraordinary Council – 5th September 2023

Change to the membership of Scrutiny Committees

**Report of the Director of Corporate & Legal Services Governance
and Monitoring Officer**

Classification	This report is Public
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PURPOSE/SUMMARY OF REPORT

For Council to approve changes to the membership of a number of scrutiny committees.

For Council to decide upon the appointment of the Vice Chair of the Local Growth Scrutiny Committee

REPORT DETAILS

1. Background

- 1.1 At Annual Council on 24th May 2023 the Council agreed the appointments to its Committees and Advisory Groups.
- 1.2 Subsequently the Council nominated four councillors to become directors of the Dragonfly Development Ltd and Dragonfly Management (Bolsover) Limited. In addition the Leader of the Council has appointed 5 councillors as Junior Executive Members.
- 1.3 Due to potential conflicts of interest resulting from either being a member of the Dragonfly board or being a Junior Executive Member it is necessary to make some changes to the membership of some of the Scrutiny Committees.

1.4 In addition, the current Vice Chair of Local Growth Scrutiny is Cllr Phil Smith. As it is proposed that he moves to Customer Services Scrutiny Committee it will be necessary for the Council to appoint a new Vice Chair.

2. Details of Proposal or Information

2.1 It is proposed as follow:

- Cllr Phil Smith to move from Local Growth Scrutiny Committee to Customer Services Scrutiny Committee;
- Cllr Janet Tait to move from Local Growth Scrutiny Committee to Climate Change Scrutiny Committee;
- Cllr Jane Yates to move from Customer Services Scrutiny Committee to Local Growth Scrutiny Committee;
- Cllr Jeanne Raspin to move from Climate Change Scrutiny Committee to Local Growth Scrutiny Committee.

2.2 Cllr Deborah Watson will also need to move from Local Growth Scrutiny Committee. A proposal for which committee Cllr Watson will move to will be presented at the meeting.

2.3 Nominations for the position of the Vice Chair of Local Growth Scrutiny Committee. The members of the Local Growth Scrutiny Committee following the proposed changes will be- Cllr Tom Kirkham (Chair), Cllr Jane Yates, Cllr Jeanne Raspin, Cllr Mark Hinman, Cllr Duncan Haywood, Cllr Will Fletcher

3. Reasons for Recommendation

3.1 The need for changes has arisen due to the appointment of Junior Executive Members and Dragonfly Directors.

4 Alternative Options and Reasons for Rejection

4.1 Not to make the changes. This is likely to result in conflicts of interests which would mean that a conflicted councillor could not affectively contribute to the work of the scrutiny committee.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

1. That Council agrees to the proposed changes to the Scrutiny Committees' membership.
2. That Council appoint a Vice Chair of the Local Growth Committee.

IMPLICATIONS:

Finance and Risk: Yes No

Details:

There are no financial or risk implications arising from this report.

On behalf of the Section 151 Officer

Legal (including Data Protection): Yes No

Details:

There are no specific legal implication however the proposals would represent good governance.

On behalf of the Solicitor to the Council

Environment: Yes No

Please identify (if applicable) how this proposal/report will help the Authority meet its carbon neutral target or enhance the environment. Please speak to the Climate Change lead officer for further advice.

Details:

There are no environmental implications arising from this report.

Staffing: Yes No

Details:

There are no human resource issues implications arising from this report.

On behalf of the Head of Paid Service

DECISION INFORMATION

<p>Is the decision a Key Decision? A Key Decision is an executive decision which has a significant impact on two or more District wards or which results in income or expenditure to the Council above the following thresholds:</p> <p>Revenue - £75,000 <input type="checkbox"/> Capital - £150,000 <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>Please indicate which threshold applies</i></p>	No
<p>Is the decision subject to Call-In? <i>(Only Key Decisions are subject to Call-In)</i></p>	No

<p>District Wards Significantly Affected</p>	None directly
<p>Consultation: Leader / Deputy Leader <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Executive <input type="checkbox"/> SLT <input type="checkbox"/> Relevant Service Manager <input type="checkbox"/> Members <input type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/></p>	Details:

<p>Links to Council Ambition: Customers, Economy and Environment.</p>

DOCUMENT INFORMATION	
Appendix No	Title
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<p>Background Papers</p>
<p><i>(These are unpublished works which have been relied on to a material extent when preparing the report. They must be listed in the section below. If the report is going to Executive you must provide copies of the background papers).</i></p>
<p>None</p>