

COUNCIL

DATE	21 st May 2026
REPORT OF	The Monitoring Officer
SUBJECT	Appointments to Committees and Panels of the Council
STATUS	Open
FORWARD PLAN REF NO.	Not applicable

CONTRIBUTION TO OUR AIMS

Good governance arrangements contribute directly to the achievement of the Council's strategic aims.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

A report setting out proposed appointments to the Council's committees and panels for the Municipal Year 2026/27.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the proposal from the Reform UK Group to gift one of its seats on the Communities Scrutiny Panel to the Independent for North East Lincolnshire Group for the 2026/27 Municipal Year be approved, subject to no single Elected Member of North East Lincolnshire Council voting against.
2. That, subject to the outcome of recommendation 1 above, the nominations for the committee membership as set out in Appendix 1, including the appointment of voting and non-voting co-optees and independent members on Committees as listed and the Leader of the Council's appointments to the Health and Wellbeing Board, be approved.
3. That the nominations for the positions of Chairs and Deputy Chairs of the committees, as set out in Appendix 1 to this report, be voted upon by full Council.

REASONS FOR DECISION

The Council has a duty to review the representation of different political groups on its committees at the Annual Meeting of Council.

1. BACKGROUND AND ISSUES

- 1.1. The establishment of panels and committees and the appointment of Members to serve on those panels and committees, together with the appointment of Chairs and Deputy Chairs, is a matter for decision by the Annual Meeting of the Council.
- 1.2. As a result of the local elections held on 7th May 2026, the political composition of North East Lincolnshire Council is now as follows:

Group	Total Number of Seats	Proportionality %
Reform UK	14	33.33
Labour	11	26.19
Conservatives	10	23.81
Independents for North East Lincolnshire	4	9.53
Liberal Democrats	3	7.14

1.3. The Local Government and Housing Act 1989 and associated regulations require the Council to review the allocation of seats on committees to political groups in specified circumstances, including annually at the Annual Council meeting. In considering the allocation of committee places to political groups, the Council is legally required to take into account the following principles:

- (i) That the controlling group should have a majority of seats on each committee.
- (ii) That the total number of committee places allocated to each political group must be in proportion to the number of members of that group on the Council.
- (iii) That on each committee the number of places allocated to each political group must be in proportion to the number of members of that group on the Council.

The order of precedence of these principles is the order in which they are given - i.e. (i) takes highest priority, then (ii) then (iii).

1.4. If Full Council chooses to depart from proportionality, it must not only agree, but no single Member must dissent.

1.5 In applying the above principles to the Council's 88 qualifying committee places, the following suggested allocation was submitted to political groups:

	Total Places	Reform UK	Labour	Conservative	Liberal Democrats	Independent
Children and Lifelong Learning Scrutiny Panel	10	3	3	2	1	1
Health and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Panel	8	3	2	2	0	1
Tourism, Infrastructure and Housing Scrutiny	8	3	2	2	0	1

Panel						
Communities Scrutiny Panel	8	3	2	2	1	0
Economy, Culture and Tourism Scrutiny Panel	8	3	2	2	0	1
Planning Committee	11	3	3	3	1	1
Standards and Adjudication Committee	9	3	2	2	1	1
Appointments Committee	7	2	2	2	0	1
Audit and Governance Committee	9	3	2	2	1	1
Licensing and Community Protection Committee	10	3	3	2	1	1
Total number of seats	88	29	23	21	6	9

1.6 The Reform UK Group has confirmed that it wishes for one of its seats on the Communities Scrutiny Panel to be gifted to the Independent for North East Lincolnshire Group for the 2026/27 Municipal Year. This would necessitate a departure from proportionality as it would mean that both groups would not have been allocated the total number of seats required under proportionality rules. As noted at paragraph 1.4, this would therefore require a vote of Council with no single member voting against.

1.7 Nominations for remaining committee and panel placings are set out in Appendix 1 to this report along with nominations for the positions of Chairs and Deputy Chairs. Any contested nominations will be subject to a vote at this Annual Meeting of Council.

2. RISKS, OPPORTUNITIES AND EQUALITY ISSUES

If committee seats are not allocated in line with political balance requirements, decisions may be challenged or invalidated.

Over- or under-representation of political groups can undermine trust in decision-making and contribute to lack of scrutiny effectiveness as excessive control by one group may reduce challenge, leading to weaker governance and risk of poor decisions.

3. OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

None. These matters are reported to Council for decision as required by legislation.

4. REPUTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS CONSIDERATIONS

These matters are reported to the Council as required by legislation and to support the continued good governance of the Council.

5. FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

There are no financial considerations to be taken into account as a result of the recommendations within this report.

6. CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE IMPLICATIONS

There are no direct implications for children and young people arising from the recommendations within this report.

7. CLIMATE CHANGE, NATURE RECOVERY AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no climate change, nature recovery or environmental implications arising from the recommendations within this report.

8. PUBLIC HEALTH, HEALTH INEQUALITIES AND MARMOT IMPLICATIONS

There are no public health, health inequalities or Marmot implications arising from the recommendations within this report.

9. CONSULTATION WITH SCRUTINY

Not applicable.

10. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

As stated above, there are no financial implications arising directly from the recommendations in this report.

11. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

As set out in the main body of the report.

12. HUMAN RESOURCES IMPLICATIONS

There are no direct human resources implications arising from the recommendations in this report.

13. WARD IMPLICATIONS

Appointments to the Council's committees and panels impact on all wards.

14. BACKGROUND PAPERS

None.

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COMMUNITIES SCRUTINY PANEL

8 Members

CHAIRMAN – Clough/Hudson

DEPUTY CHAIRMAN – Swinburn/Wilson

REFORM

SUBSTITUTE

K Batson	Mills
Charlesworth	Mayne

LABOUR

SUBSTITUTES

Clough	Humphrey
Wilson	Kaczmarek

CONSERVATIVE

SUBSTITUTES

Hudson	Brookes
Swinburn	Crofts

LIBERAL DEMOCRAT

SUBSTITUTE

Aisthorpe	Beasant
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INDEPENDENT

Bonner proposed to be allocated 1 Reform seat on the panel under section 17 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989. Bright to be named substitute.

CHILDREN AND LIFELONG LEARNING SCRUTINY PANEL

10 Members

CHAIRMAN – Downes/Shreeve

DEPUTY CHAIRMAN – Downes/Goodwin/Lindley

REFORM

SUBSTITUTE

I Oliver	Charlesworth
Russell	Mills
K Batson	Mayne

LABOUR

SUBSTITUTES

Goodwin	Morland
Augusta	Patrick
Clough	Mill

CONSERVATIVE

SUBSTITUTES

Shreeve	Brookes
Lindley	Swinburn

INDEPENDENT

SUBSTITUTE

Downes	Bright
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LIBERAL DEMOCRAT

SUBSTITUTE

Beasant	Aisthorpe
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Co-opted Members and Statutory Representation – Education

Revd Canon Ian Robinson – Church of England rep

Vacant – Non-voting Youth Voice rep

Vacant – Roman Catholic rep

Vacant – Parent Governor rep x 2

Simon Jones – Non-voting Trade Union rep

ECONOMY, CULTURE AND TOURISM SCRUTINY PANEL

8 Members

CHAIRMAN – Dawkins/Morland

DEPUTY CHAIRMAN – Henderson/Parkinson

REFORM

SUBSTITUTE

Mills	K Batson
Charlesworth	Russell
Mayne	I Oliver

LABOUR

SUBSTITUTES

Morland	Kaczmarek
Humphrey	Haggis

CONSERVATIVE

SUBSTITUTES

Dawkins	Brookes
Parkinson	Jackson

INDEPENDENT

SUBSTITUTE

Henderson	Bright
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HEALTH AND ADULT SOCIAL CARE SCRUTINY PANEL

8 Members

CHAIRMAN – Henderson/Lindley/Wilson

DEPUTY CHAIRMAN – Henderson/Kaczmarek/Shreeve

REFORM

SUBSTITUTE

I Oliver	Mills
K Batson	Charlesworth
Russell	Mayne

LABOUR

SUBSTITUTES

Wilson	Augusta
Kaczmarek	Clough

CONSERVATIVE

SUBSTITUTES

Lindley	Brookes
Shreeve	Crofts

INDEPENDENT

SUBSTITUTE

Henderson	Downes
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TRANSPORT, INFRASTRUCTURE AND HOUSING
SCRUTINY PANEL

8 Members

CHAIRMAN – Jackson/Mill

DEPUTY CHAIRMAN – Crofts/Wilson

REFORM

SUBSTITUTE

Russell	I Oliver
Mills	Mayne
Charlesworth	K Batson

LABOUR

SUBSTITUTES

Mill	Humphrey
Wilson	Augusta

CONSERVATIVE

SUBSTITUTES

Jackson	Brookes
Crofts	Dawkins

INDEPENDENT

SUBSTITUTE

Bright	Downes
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PLANNING COMMITTEE

11 Members

CHAIRMAN – Lindley/Patrick

DEPUTY CHAIRMAN – Goodwin/Hudson

REFORM

SUBSTITUTE

Mayne	Russell
Callison	Taylor
P Batson	Grice

LABOUR

SUBSTITUTES

Patrick	Humphrey
Goodwin	Haggis
Kaczmarek	Morland

CONSERVATIVE

SUBSTITUTES

Lindley	Dawkins
Hudson	Crofts
Parkinson	Jackson

LIBERAL DEMOCRAT

SUBSTITUTE

Emmerson	Aisthorpe
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INDEPENDENT

SUBSTITUTE

Bright	Bonner
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STANDARDS AND ADJUDICATION COMMITTEE

9 Members

CHAIRMAN – Humphrey/Swinburn

DEPUTY CHAIRMAN – Crofts/Goodwin

REFORM

SUBSTITUTE

I Oliver	Brasted
K Batson	Sawkins
Russell	Freeston

LABOUR

SUBSTITUTES

Humphrey	Morland
Goodwin	Patrick

CONSERVATIVE

SUBSTITUTES

Swinburn	Brookes
Crofts	Lindley

INDEPENDENT

SUBSTITUTES

Downes	Bright
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LIBERAL DEMOCRAT

SUBSTITUTE

Emmerson	Beasant
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APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE

7 Members

CHAIRMAN – Freeston/Jackson

DEPUTY CHAIRMAN – Grice/Shreeve

REFORM

SUBSTITUTE

Freeston	Callison
Grice	P Batson

LABOUR

SUBSTITUTES

Clough	Humphrey
Wilson	Morland

CONSERVATIVE

SUBSTITUTES

Jackson	Lindley
Shreeve	Dawkins

INDEPENDENT

SUBSTITUTES

Bright	Bonner
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AUDIT AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

9 Members (plus independent Chairman and second independent member)

CHAIRMAN – Mr Paul Stone

DEPUTY CHAIRMAN – Boyd/Kaczmarek

REFORM

SUBSTITUTE

Charlesworth	I Oliver
Mills	Russell
Mayne	K Batson

LABOUR

SUBSTITUTES

Patrick	Morland
Kaczmarek	Mill

CONSERVATIVE

SUBSTITUTES

Crofts	Jackson
Boyd	Parkinson

INDEPENDENT

SUBSTITUTE

Bright	Bonner
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LIBERAL DEMOCRAT

SUBSTITUTE

Beasant	Aisthorpe
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Second independent member – Mr Walter Leschenko

LICENSING AND COMMUNITY PROTECTION COMMITTEE

10 Members

CHAIRMAN – Augusta

DEPUTY CHAIRMAN – Haggis

REFORM

SUBSTITUTE

Mills	Grice
Sawkins	Taylor
Callison	Freeston

LABOUR

SUBSTITUTES

Augusta	Wilson
Mill	Goodwin
Haggis	Kaczmarek

CONSERVATIVE

SUBSTITUTES

Crofts	
Swinburn	

INDEPENDENT

SUBSTITUTE

Bonner	Bright
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LIBERAL DEMOCRAT

SUBSTITUTE

Emmerson	Beasant
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HACKNEY CARRIAGE SUB-COMMITTEE

5 Members – to be decided by Licensing and Community Protection Committee at its first meeting in the new Municipal Year

CHAIRMAN –

DEPUY CHAIRMAN –

REFORM

SUBSTITUTE

LABOUR

SUBSTITUTES

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CONSERVATIVE

SUBSTITUTES

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INDEPENDENT

SUBSTITUTE

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HEALTH AND WELL BEING BOARD

ELECTED MEMBERS (appointed by the Leader)