



(Officer Decision – 5 October 2023)

DECISION TAKEN BY THE MONITORING OFFICER

Decision title: Appointments of Substitutes on Area-Based Planning Committees

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Details of the decision:

There is an opportunity for all Councillors who have completed the relevant training to serve as Substitute Members on the Planning Area-Based Committee in their area, when called upon to do so by Members of the Committee. The list below shows the current membership of the Planning Committees as agreed by full Council on 24 May 2023. Followed by all those who are proposed to be Substitute Members.

By this decision the Monitoring Officer will update the membership list accordingly.

Planning Committee – North (13 Members)

Chair: Councillor Kathy Pearce

Vice-Chair: Councillor Matt Martin

Councillors Brian Bolt, Alan Bradford, Hilary Bruce, Ben Ferguson, Bob Filmer, Tony Grimes, Pauline Ham, Alistair Hendry, Harry Munt, Gill Slocombe, Brian Smedley

Substitutes

Councillors Mike Caswell, Peter Clayton, Lance Duddridge, Mike Murphy, Leigh Redman, Diogo Rodrigues

Planning Committee – South (13 Members)

Chair: Councillor Peter Seib

Vice-Chair: Councillor Jason Baker

Councillors Steve Ashton, Mike Best, Henry Hobhouse, Andy Kendall, Jenny Kenton, Tim Kerley, Sue Osborne, Oliver Patrick, Evie Potts-Jones, Jeny Snell, Martin Wale

Substitutes

Councillors John Bailey, Emily Pearlstone, Tom Power, Mike Stanton, Lucy Trimnell, Richard Wilkins

Planning Committee – West (13 Members)

Chair: Councillor Simon Coles

Vice-Chair: Councillor Derek Perry

Councillors Norman Cavill, Dixie Darch, Caroline Ellis, Habib Farbahi, Andy Hadley, Ross Henley, Steven Pugsley, Andy Sully, Sarah Wakefield, Rosemary Woods, Gwil Wren

Substitutes

Councillors Mandy Chilcott, Tom Deakin, John Hunt, Christine Lawrence, Dave Mansell, Frances Nicholson

Planning Committee – East (13 Members)

Chair: Councillor Nick Cottle

Vice-Chair: Edric Hobbs

Councillors Adam Boyden, Barry Clarke, Dawn Denton, Martin Dimery, Susannah Hart, Bente Height, Helen Kay, Martin Lovell, Tony Robbins, Claire Sully, Alex Wiltshire,

Substitutes:

Councillors Shane Collins, Michael Dunk, Philip Ham, Heather Shearer

Delegated authority sits with the Monitoring Officer, in consultation with the leaders of the political groups, to update the list of Substitutes to the Planning Committees as and when Councillors are trained. This authority was given at the meeting of full Council on 24 May 2023.

Reasons for proposed decision:

To add resilience to the Planning Committees in their decision-making role.

Alternative options considered and rejected:

Group leaders have been consulted on the proposals set out in this report. Not filling the position of Substitute on the Planning Committee was rejected as an alternative approach.

Implications considered:

None.

Background papers:

Report of the Monitoring Officer, Full Council AGM, 24 May 2023.
List of Member Training held by Democratic Services on SharePoint.

The following consultation has been completed:	Councillor	Date
Local Somerset Councillors consulted where the decision directly affects their Division	N/A	N/A
Relevant Executive Member(s) consulted	Bill Revans as Leader of the Council	
Opposition Spokesperson(s) consulted/informed	David Fothergill, Martin Dimery, Leigh Redman and John Hunt as Leaders of the other political groups	

Decision Maker

I am aware of the details of this decision, have considered the reasons, options, representations and consultation responses (where applicable) and give my approval / agreement to its implementation.

Signed:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'David Clark', written in a cursive style.

Name: David Clark

Post: Monitoring Officer

Date: 5 October 2023