



(Officer Decision – 19 May 2023)

DECISION TAKEN BY THE MONITORING OFFICER

Decision title: Appointments to vacancies on committees

Officer making the decision: Scott Wooldridge, Monitoring Officer

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Date of Decision: 19 May 2023

Details of the decision:

There are vacancies on two committees that have been allocated by the Council to the Conservative political group. One of the vacancies is on the Audit Committee following the sad death of Cllr Mike Lewis and the other vacancy existed on 1 March 2023 when the Council made appointments to the Human Resources Committee.

Following nominations from the Leader of the Conservative political group to those vacancies, the Monitoring Officer confirmed and agreed the appointment of :

- i) Cllr Tony Grimes as a member of the Audit Committee; and
- ii) Cllr Mandy Chilcott as a member of the Human Resources Committee

The appointments were made in accordance with the decision of Council made on 1 March 2023, where delegated authority was granted to the Monitoring Officer to make changes in consultation with the leaders of the political groups.

Reasons for proposed decision:

To fill the outstanding vacancies on two of the Council's committees.

In line with legislation if the vacancy on the Human Resources Committee which the Council allocated to the Conservative political group at its meeting on 1 March still exists by the time of the Council's next meeting then that allocated place is then available for the Council to reallocate.

Alternative options considered and rejected:

Group leaders have been consulted on the proposals set out in this report. Not filling the vacancies was rejected as an alternative approach.

Implications considered:

None.

Background papers:

Item 6 - Report to Somerset County Council on 1 March 2023

The following consultation has been completed:	Councillor	Date
Local County 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	18 May 2023
Opposition Spokesperson(s) consulted/informed	David Fothergill, Martin Dimery, Leigh Redman and John Hunt as Leaders of the other political groups	18 May 2023

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:

Name: Scott Wooldridge

Post: Monitoring Officer

Date: 19 May 2023