



Council – 14 October 2013

Changes to Committee Membership

Purpose of report

To advise the Council of changes to committee membership from the Conservative Group.

1.0 Background

1.1 The Local Government (Committees and Political Groups) Regulations 1990 lay down procedures for the constitution of political groups. The regulations also provide for the council to review the allocation of seats to political groups (i.e. to secure political balance) in certain circumstances.

1.2 As the political balance of the council has not changed following the Thrapston Market by-election, there is no requirement to review the allocation of seats to political groups.

2.0 Conservative Group – Changes in Committee Membership

2.1 Following the Thrapston Market by-election held on 25 July 2013, the Leader of the Council has informed the Proper Officer of his intention to fill two of the vacancies on committees created by the resignation of former councillor Michael Finch. Members are asked to note the following appointments:

Planning Policy Committee – Councillor Alex Smith

Scrutiny Committee – Councillor Alex Smith

3.0 Equality and Diversity Implications

3.1 There are no equality and diversity implications arising from the proposals.

4.0 Legal Implications

4.1 The Council is required to comply with the provisions of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 and the subsequent Local Government (Committees and Political Groups) Regulations 1990.

5.0 Recommendation

5.1 That the changes in membership for Planning Policy Committee and Scrutiny Committee be noted.

Legal	Power: Local Government and Housing Act 1989				
	Other considerations: Local Government (Committees and Political Groups) Regulations 1990				
Background Papers: None					
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