

REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

CHANGES TO CABINET MEMBER ARRANGEMENTS AND APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEE VICE-CHAIRMAN

Purpose of the Report

1. To note changes made by the Leader to appointments to specified Cabinet Member and Deputy Cabinet Member positions.
2. To seek Council approval for proposed changes to Committee Vice-Chairman appointments.

Information

Changes to Cabinet Member and Deputy Cabinet Member Appointments

3. As set out in Section Five, Part 1 of the Council’s Constitution, the Leader of the Council is responsible for appointing Cabinet Members and Deputy Cabinet Members. The Leader has made changes to the appointments reported for information to Full Council on 22 May 2025. The changes to appointments (and titles) are detailed in Table 1 below in **bold font**:

Table 1

Portfolio	Cabinet Member	Deputy Cabinet Member
Deputy Leader	Dr John Doddy	
Cabinet Member Business Management	Martin Wright	
Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care	Barry Answer	Kelvin Wright
Cabinet Member for Children and Families	Rory Green	
Cabinet Member for Communities and Public Health	Dawn Justice	Gaynor Mann
Cabinet Member for Economic Development and Asset Management	James Walker-Gurley	

Portfolio	Cabinet Member	Deputy Cabinet Member
Cabinet Member for Education and Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND)	Simon Wright	
Cabinet Member for Finance and Resources	Stuart Matthews	James Rawson
Cabinet Member for Transport and Environment	Bert Bingham	John Semens

Change to Vice-Chairman Appointment

4. Full Council established its committee structure for 2025/26 at its meeting on 22 May 2025 along with appointing its Committee Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen for the municipal year. Changes to these appointments were made at Full Council on 20 November 2025.
5. Council makes appointments (or delegates authority to the relevant body where relevant) to the roles of Committee Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen. As a result of changes to the Cabinet an in-year change is proposed to the existing Committee chairing arrangements as detailed in table 2 below in **bold font**:

Table 2

Committee	Chairman	Vice-Chairman
Overview Committee	Cathy Mason	Terry Cox
Adult Social Care and Health Select Committee	Jody Stoll	Joseph Rich
Children and Families Select Committee	Richard Darrington	Christopher Adegoke
Place Select Committee	Kevin Brown	David Clark
Governance and Ethics Committee	Wendy Lukacs	Paul Brill
Health and Wellbeing Board	Dr John Doddy	Appointed by the Board
Health Scrutiny Committee	Mike Robertson	Jan Goid
Joint Committee on Mineral and Waste Planning	City Councillor	Bert Bingham
Nottinghamshire Pension Fund Committee	James Gamble	Faz Choudhury
Planning and Rights of Way Committee	Russell Dodd	Brian Wheatcroft

6. The new appointment Committee Vice-Chairman will be effective from 20 March 2026.

Other Options Considered

7. It is for the Leader to determine the composition of his Cabinet.
8. As the current Vice-Chairman of Health Scrutiny Committee has been appointed as a Cabinet Member by the Leader, he can no longer remain as Vice-Chairman of Health Scrutiny Committee, so the position has remained vacant since his appointment to the Cabinet. The role could remain vacant until the Annual Meeting, but that would reduce the important support to the Chairman of the Committee provided by the role.

Reason/s for Recommendation/s

9. To inform all Members of the changes that the Leader has made to the existing Cabinet Member and Deputy Cabinet Member appointments as set out in Table 1 and to approve changes to the appointment of the Vice-Chairman of Health Scrutiny Committee as set out in Table 2.
10. Approval is sought to appoint Councillor Jan Goold as Vice-Chairman of Health Scrutiny Committee. If agreed Councillor Goold will cover the role in the short term and take up the full time role once her period as Chairman of the County Council ends in May 2026. Only one allowance will be paid.

Statutory and Policy Implications

11. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of crime and disorder, data protection and information governance, finance, human resources, human rights, the NHS Constitution (public health services), the public sector equality duty, safeguarding of children and adults at risk, service users, smarter working, sustainability and the environment and where such implications are material they are described below. Appropriate consultation has been undertaken and advice sought on these issues as required.

Financial Implications

12. There are no direct financial implications arising directly from this report. The cost of the two additional Deputy Cabinet Member posts appointed by the Leader, result in a Special Responsibility Allowance of £13,516.00 per annum per Deputy Cabinet Member, which is within the existing Members Allowances budget. As set out in the Constitution, Members can claim only one Special Responsibility Allowance.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That Council:

- 1) Notes the changes which the Leader has made to Cabinet Member and Deputy Cabinet Member appointments effective from 23 January 2026.
- 2) Approves the proposed change to the Committee Vice-Chairman appointment as highlighted in Table 2 above, for implementation effective from 20 March 2026.

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Constitutional Comments (CM 09/03/2026)

13. The Council's Leader has the responsibility under section 9C of the Local Government Act 2000 to select the members of his cabinet. Deputy Cabinet Members do not form part of the provisions under the Local Government Act 2000, but the Leader is authorised to make the appointment of Deputy Cabinet Members under the Council's executive arrangements set out in Section 5 of the Constitution. Full Council is able to note the Leader's appointment. Full Council has responsibility for the appointment of the chairmen and vice-chairmen of its committees, and is accordingly authorised to act upon the recommendation made in this report.

Financial Comments (CDS 06/03/2026)

14. As referenced in paragraph 11, there are no financial implications arising directly from the recommendations in this report

Background Papers and Published Documents

Except for previously published documents, which will be available elsewhere, the documents listed here will be available for inspection in accordance with Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972.

- Item 12 - [Establishment of Committees](#) report to Full Council – 22 May 2025 (published)
- Item 9 – [Appointment of Committee Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen](#) report to Full Council – 20 November 2025 (published)

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

- All