



Report To:	Full Council
Date:	29 th September 2025
Subject:	Democratic Arrangements – Appointments to Committee Vice-Chairmen and to Outside Bodies 2025/26
Purpose:	To enable the Council to make appointments to Committee Vice Chairmen and outside bodies for the 2025/26 Civic Year, where vacancies have arisen since the Annual Meeting in May 2025. To seek approval from Full Council to nominate a trustee to the John Laughton Educational Foundation, following a formal invitation from the charity
Key Decision:	N/A
Portfolio Holder:	N/A
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Ward(s) Affected:	None
Exempt Report:	No

Summary

This report asks the Council to make appointments to Committee Vice-Chairmanships and outside bodies where vacancies have arisen. In addition, the Council is invited to consider a new appointment to the John Laughton Educational Foundation, a registered charity which has formally requested that Boston Borough Council nominate a trustee to serve on its board for a five-year term.

Recommendations

- 1. That the Council seeks nominations and makes appointments to the Committee Vice-Chairmanships listed in Appendix 1, where vacancies have arisen, for the remainder of the Council Municipal Year 2025/26;**

2. That the Council seeks nominations and makes appointments to the outside bodies listed in Appendix 2 – Part 1, where vacancies have arisen, such appointments to automatically cease at the end of the Civic Year or if the appointed Member ceases to be a Member of the Council; and
3. That the Council notes the invitation to nominate a trustee to the John Laughton Educational Foundation for a five-year term, listed in Appendix 2 – Part 2, seeks nominations for this role and makes an appointment.

Reasons for Recommendations

To support the work of the committees listed in Appendix 1 and outside bodies listed in Appendix 2.

Other Options Considered

Not to make the appointments.

1. Background

- 1.1 At the annual meeting of the Council appointments were made to Committee Vice-Chairmanships and various outside bodies for the Civic Year 2025/26.

2. Report

2.1 Committee Vice-Chairmanships

- 2.1.1 Since the Annual Meeting of the Council in May 2025, the following changes have arisen in respect of Committee Vice-Chairmanships:

- Licensing Committee: The Vice-Chairman has resigned from the Vice-Chairmanship but will remain a member of the Committee.
- Audit & Governance Committee: The vacancy arose as a result of the Council agreeing a revised allocation of committee seats at its Meeting on 21st July 2025.

- 2.1.2 Group Leaders have been advised of these changes and invited to submit nominations for Council's consideration where appropriate. These will be tabled at the meeting.

- 2.1.3 A list of the vacant positions of Vice-Chairmen of Committees is attached at Appendix 1 to this report. Nominations received will be tabled at the meeting.

2.2 Vacancies

2.2.1 Since the Annual Meeting vacancies have arisen on the following bodies:

- Black Sluice Internal Drainage Board – 2 vacancies
- Wash and North Norfolk Partnership Members Group – 1 vacancy

2.2.2 Group Leaders have been advised of the vacancies and invited to submit nominations for Council's consideration. These will be tabled at the meeting.

2.2.3 Any appointments made by the Council to these vacancies will take effect immediately following approval and will automatically cease at the end of the Civic Year or if the appointed Member ceases to be a Member of the Council...

2.3 John Laughton Educational Foundation

2.3.1 In addition the Council has received formal notification from the Clerk to the Trustees at the John Laughton Educational Foundation inviting a nomination to serve as a trustee. This follows recent constitutional changes to the charity. The appointment will be for a five-year term and details of the successful nominee will be submitted to the Charity Commission.

Implications

South and East Lincolnshire Councils Partnership

None

Corporate Priorities

None.

Staffing

None.

Workforce Capacity Implications

None.

Constitutional and Legal Implications

Appointments are made in accordance with the provisions set out in the Council's Constitution. The Council has a function to appoint Chairman and Vice-Chairman to Council Bodies.

The powers of the Council (as a charging authority) to appoint an individual as a member of an internal drainage board are set out in the Land Drainage Act 1991. In appointing a person as a Board member the Council shall have regard to the desirability of appointing a person who –

(a) has knowledge or experience (including knowledge of the internal drainage district in question or commercial experience) of some matter relevant to the functions of the board; and

(b) has shown capacity in such a matter.

Data Protection

None.

Financial

None.

Risk Management

None.

Stakeholder / Consultation / Timescales

Details of vacancies are shared with Political Group Leaders.

Reputation

None.

Contracts

None.

Crime and Disorder

None.

Equality and Diversity / Human Rights / Safeguarding

None.

Health and Wellbeing

None.

Climate Change and Environment Impact Assessment

Not undertaken.

Acronyms

None.

Appendices

Appendices are listed below and attached to the back of the report:

Appendix 1	Committee Vice-Chairman vacancies 2025/26
Appendix 2	Council vacancies on Outside Bodies 2025/26

Background Papers

No background papers as defined in Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972 were used in the production of this report.

Chronological History of this Report

A report on this item has not been previously considered by a Council body.

Report Approval

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