

Chief Executive Decision

Scheme of Delegation – Development Control – Nomination of Substitutes for Chairman and Vice Chairman for 2022/23 (Area North) (Executive Decision)

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Purpose of the Report

To confirm the recommendation of members of Area North Committee relating to the Scheme of Delegation and nomination of substitutes for the Chairman and Vice Chairman for 2022/23, following consideration at a meeting of Area North Committee (Informal) on 22 June 2022.

Public Interest

At the meeting of Full Council on Thursday 15 April 2021 it was agreed to make the following changes to the Council's Constitution:

- a) To continue to enable members to hold remote, virtual meetings using available technology;
- b) To amend Part 3 (Responsibility for Functions) of the Council's Constitution to allow those remote meetings to function as consultative bodies and delegate decisions, including Executive and Quasi-Judicial decisions, that would have been taken by those meetings if the Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority and Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020 had continued in force to the Chief Executive (or the relevant Director in the Chief Executive's absence) in consultation with those meetings and those members to whom the decision would otherwise have been delegated under Part 3 of the Constitution;
- c) The delegated authority given under (b) will expire on 31 July 2021 unless continued by a future decision of this Council;

Further to the above, at the meeting of Full Council on 8 July 2021, it was agreed to continue to enable members to hold remote, virtual meetings using available technology and to extend the delegation given on 15 April 2021 for a further 6 months, to 08 January 2022. At the Council meeting of 16 December 2021, a further extension to 8 July 2022 was agreed and at the Full Council meeting of 16th June a further extension to 21 July 2022 for all SSDC meetings apart from Full Council.

Decision Taken

The Chief Executive, following a consultative meeting of Area North Committee on 23 June 2022, made the following decision;

That Councillors Crispin Raikes and Dean Ruddle be appointed to act as substitutes for the Chairman and Vice Chairman to make decisions in the Chairman's and Vice Chairman's absence

on whether an application should be considered by the Area Committee as requested by the Ward Member(s) in line with Development Control Revised Scheme of Delegation.

Reason

As the Council has entered a new municipal year, the Committee is asked to review the appointment of two members to act as substitutes for the Chairman and Vice Chairman in the exercising of the Scheme of Delegation for planning and related applications.

Background

To enable the decision making process to continue, it was agreed that Councillors continue to receive decision-making reports. They will form a view which will be communicated to the Chief Executive. The decision will be formally made by the Chief Executive (or relevant Director) during the current coronavirus restrictions.

Financial Implications

These are detailed in the main agenda report.

Background Papers

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Agenda for Area North (Informal) on Wednesday 22nd June 2022, 2.00 pm ([southsomerset.gov.uk](https://www.southsomerset.gov.uk))