

Subject:	Political Balance, Committees and Outside Bodies for 2017/18		Status:	For Publication	
Report to:	Annual Council		Date:	12 th May 2017	
Report of:	Chief Executive		Portfolio Holder:	The Leader of the Council	
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Equality Impact Assessment:	Required:	No	Attached:	No	
Biodiversity Impact Assessment	Required:	No	Attached:	No	
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1.	RECOMMENDATION(S)
1.1	<p>That the Council confirm appointments proposed by the various political groups as set out in the following appendices:</p> <p>Appendix A - Draft political balance calculation Appendix B - Draft Committees of the Council, Working Groups, other meetings and Member Champions Appendix C - Draft representatives on outside bodies</p>

2. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 2.1 To confirm the political balance, appointments to committees and appointments to outside bodies for the municipal year 2017/18.

3. CORPORATE PRIORITIES

- 3.1 The matters discussed in this report impact directly on the following corporate priorities:
- **Regenerating Rossendale:** This priority focuses on regeneration in its broadest sense, so it means supporting communities that get on well together, attracting sustainable investment, promoting Rossendale, as well as working as an enabler to promote the physical regeneration of Rossendale.
 - **Responsive Value for Money Services:** This priority is about the Council working collaboratively, being a provider, procurer and a commissioner of services that are efficient and that meet the needs of local people.
 - **Clean Green Rossendale:** This priority focuses on clean streets and town centres and well managed open spaces, whilst recognising that the Council has to work with communities and as a partner to deliver this ambition.

4. RISK ASSESSMENT IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 All the issues raised and the recommendations in this report involve risk considerations as set out below:

If appointments are not made to the committees then there is a risk that the Council will not be able to effectively conduct its business over the coming months. In addition, if appointments are not made to outside bodies there is a risk that the Council's views will not be represented in the debates undertaken within those bodies.

5. BACKGROUND AND OPTIONS

Political balance, appointments to committees and outside bodies

- 5.1 At each Annual Meeting the Council is required to make a range of appointments for the coming municipal year. This report sets out the number of appointments which need to be made.
- 5.2 There are strict rules on political balance or proportionality which apply to appointments to decision making bodies of the Council. Appendix A illustrates the political balance.
- 5.3 Political balance does not apply to the Cabinet which may be either single or multi party.
- 5.4 The proposals of the Council's various political groups for appointments to the Council's Committees, Working Groups, other meetings and Member Champions are set out in Appendix B. This includes the confirmation of Co-opted Members on the Audit and Accounts Committee and Overview and Scrutiny Committee.
- 5.5 The proposed appointments to outside bodies is attached at Appendix C.

COMMENTS FROM STATUTORY OFFICERS:

6. SECTION 151 OFFICER

- 6.1 There are no material financial matters arising from the report.

7. MONITORING OFFICER

- 7.1 There are no specific legal implications identified as arising from this report, other than the need to make certain appointments are in line with the political balance rules.

8. POLICY IMPLICATIONS AND CONSULTATION CARRIED OUT

- 8.1 There are no specific human resources implications for the Council arising from this report.
- 8.2 Consultation carried out with political groups.

9. CONCLUSION

- 9.1 It is important that appointments to committees are made to ensure that the Council can effectively conduct its business.

No background papers

Rossendale Borough Council - Political Balance Calculation

	Available No.	Conservative No.	Labour No.	Community First No.	Total No.
Council	36	13	22	1	36
Committees of Council		36.11	61.11	2.78	100.00
Development Control	7	2	4	1	7
Licensing	11	4	6	1	11
Appointments and Appeals	9	3	6	0	9
Standards	7	3	4	0	7
Audit and Accounts	7	2	5	0	7
Overview and Scrutiny	10	4	6	0	10
Total	51	18	31	2	51
Grand Total	51	18	31	2	51
		35.29	60.78	3.92	
Balance Should Give		18.4	31.2	1.4	51
Difference		-0.4	-0.2	0.6	0

Working Groups	Avail No	Conservative	Labour	Community First	Total
Governance Working Group	7	2	5	0	7
Grants Advisory Group	7	2	5	0	7
Consultation Working Group	7	2	5	0	7
Local Plan Steering Group	7	2	4	1	7

MEMBERS OF THE CABINET, COMMITTEES AND MEETINGS 2017/2018

COMMITTEE	CHAIR	VICE CHAIR	MEMBERS	
CABINET (Leader, Deputy Leader and up to 8 other members)	Alyson Barnes	Christine Lamb	Andy MacNae Andrew Walmsley Jackie Oakes Barbara Ashworth	
DEVELOPMENT CONTROL (7 Members) 4 Labour 2 Conservative 1 Community First	Marilyn Procter	Amanda Robertson	Andrea Fletcher Ann Kenyon	James Eaton Karl Kempson Alan Neal
LICENSING (11 Members) 6 Labour 4 Conservative 1 Community First	Steve Hughes	Sam Smallridge (Chair of sub-committee)	Dorothy Farrington Colin Crawforth Michelle Smith Janice Johnson	Anne Cheetham James Eaton Tony Haworth Annabel Shipley Alan Neal
AUDIT AND ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE (7 Members) 5 Labour 2 Conservative	Tom Aldred	Michelle Smith	TBC Adrian Lythgoe Pam Bromley	Brian Essex Peter Steen (Plus Mr Mumtaz Ali Co-opted)
OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE (10 Members) 6 Labour 4 Conservative	Adrian Lythgoe	Karl Kempson	Amanda Robertson Annie McMahon Janice Johnson Pam Bromley Ann Kenyon	Lynda Barnes Janet Graham Granville Morris (Plus Ms Zieda Ali Co-opted)
STANDARDS (7 Elected Members, 2 Members of Whitworth Town Council and 1 Independent Person) 4 Labour 3 Conservative			Barbara Ashworth Adrian Lythgoe Jackie Oakes Patrick Marriott Janet Graham Tony Haworth David Stansfield	<u>Whitworth Town Council</u> Jim Mellor Tom Aldred <u>Independent Persons</u> Alison Driver
APPOINTMENTS AND APPEALS (panel of 9 Members) 6 Labour 3 Conservative	Five or three members to be chosen by the Chief Executive from the panel if possible to reflect the political balance on the Council and if possible on a rota basis.			
	Alyson Barnes Sean Serridge Andy MacNae	Christine Lamb Adrian Lythgoe Jackie Oakes	Brian Essex Annabel Shipley Peter Steen	

OTHER APPOINTMENTS	
GOVERNANCE WORKING GROUP (7 Members) 5 Labour 2 Conservative	Marilyn Procter Sean Serridge Jackie Oakes Barbara Ashworth Christine Lamb Brian Essex David Stansfield
GRANTS ADVISORY GROUP (7 Members) 5 Labour 2 Conservative	Dorothy Farrington Steve Hughes Annie McMahon Michelle Smith Ann Kenyon Anne Cheetham Brian Essex
CONSULTATION WORKING GROUP (7 Members) 5 Labour 2 Conservative	Barbara Ashworth Ann Kenyon Patrick Marriott Jackie Oakes Pam Bromley Peter Steen Janet Graham
LOCAL PLAN STEERING GROUP (7 Members) 4 Labour 2 Conservative 1 Community First	Christine Lamb Colin Crawforth Adrian Lythgoe Marilyn Procter James Eaton Tony Haworth Alan Neal
MEMBER CHAMPIONS	
EQUALITIES	Michelle Smith
IT	Steve Hughes
OLDER PEOPLE	Barbara Ashworth
FLOOD	Janice Johnson
DESIGN AND HERITAGE	Annie McMahon
ARMED FORCES	Colin Crawforth
JOINT COMMITTEES	
LANCASHIRE POLICE AND CRIME PANEL	Adrian Lythgoe
PLACE JOINT COMMITTEE	Alyson Barnes
RTB BOARD	Andy MacNae and Granville Morris
NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUMS	
Neighbourhood Forums are held in a local area venue and all ward members are encouraged to attend their area forum. The allocation of grants will be agreed with each Neighbourhood Forum chair. Please note that Neighbourhood Forums are not Council meetings.	

ROSSENDALE BOROUGH COUNCIL'S APPOINTMENTS AS REPRESENTATIVES ON

Name of Body/ Organisation	Nominations
Burnley Pendle & Rossendale Council for Voluntary Service (BPRCVS)	Janice Johnson, Anne Cheetham
CAPITA Strategic Governance Board	Andrew Walmsley, Adrian Lythgoe, Tony Haworth
Carers Link Lancashire	Barbara Ashworth
Children's Partnership Board	Amanda Robertson
CLAW	Adrian Lythgoe
District Council Network	Alyson Barnes
East Lancashire Health and Well Being Partnership	Barbara Ashworth
East Lancashire Railway Trust Board of Management	Janice Johnson, Sean Serridge, Anne Cheetham
Haslingden Community Link Children's Advisory Board	Marilyn Procter
Healey Dell Nature Reserve Joint Management Committee	Tom Aldred, Alan Neal
LCC Health Scrutiny Committee	Barbara Ashworth (Jackie Oakes sub)
LGA Assembly	Alyson Barnes
Lancashire Leaders Group	Alyson Barnes
Lancashire Waste Partnership	Jackie Oakes
Littleworld Limited t/a Horse & Bamboo Theatre	Marilyn Procter
Maden Community & Children's Centre Partnership Board	Amanda Robertson, Janet Eaton
North West Employers'	Alyson Barnes (Christine Lamb sub)
North West Region Reserves Forces & Cadets Association (RFCA)	Colin Crawforth
Patrol Adjudication Joint Committee	Patrick Marriott
PCC Forum	Christine Lamb
Regenerate Governing Body	Andy MacNae (Alyson Barnes sub)
Rossendale Citizens Advice	Amanda Robertson, Marilyn Procter, Brian Essex
Rossendale Leisure Trust Ltd	Adrian Lythgoe, Granville Morris
Rossendale Transport Limited	Jackie Oakes, Patrick Marriott, Colin Crawforth, Andrew Walmsley , Anne Cheetham, Brian Essex
Together Housing Local Panels	Barbara Ashworth, Val Roberts
West Pennine Moors Area Management Committee	Adrian Lythgoe, Brian Essex