

Subject:	Political Balance, Committees and Outside Bodies for 2013/14	Status:	For Publication
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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 coming municipal year 2013/14.

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

- 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, Corporate Scrutiny Committee and Partner 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 specific financial implications arising from this 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