

Subject:	Political Balance, Committees and Outside Bodies		Status:	For Publication	
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Report of:	Chief Executive		Portfolio Holder:	Leader of the Council	
Key Decision:	No - reserved for Council	Forward Plan <input type="checkbox"/>	General Exception <input type="checkbox"/>	Special Urgency <input type="checkbox"/>	
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Biodiversity Impact Assessment:		Required:	No	Attached:	No
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1. RECOMMENDATION(S)

That the Council confirm appointments proposed by the various political groups as set out in the following appendices:

- Appendix A - Draft political balance calculation
- Appendix B - Draft committees of the Council, working groups, member champions and other meetings.

2. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- Following the elections the Council has a new political balance.
- The appointments to committees for 2022/23 reflects this new balance (Appendix B).
- Appendix B also details:
 - Cabinet appointments
 - Chair/vice-chair appointments
 - Member Champion appointments
 - Working group and other appointments

3. BACKGROUND

The Council is required to confirm the political balance following the elections and agree committee appointments in order to conduct its business.

4. DETAILS

- 4.1 At each Annual Meeting the Council agrees the appointments for the coming municipal year and this document (Appendix B) sets out the number of appointments which need to be made.
- 4.2 There are strict rules on political balance/proportionality, which apply to appointments to decision making bodies of the Council. Appendix A illustrates the political balance.
- 4.3 Political balance does not apply to the Cabinet which may be either single or multi party.
- 4.4 The proposals of the Council's various political groups for appointments to the Council's committees, working groups, member champions and other meetings including outside bodies 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.
- 4.5 The Chief Executive has delegated authority to make any in-year changes where notified.

4.6 Consultation has been carried out with Corporate Management Team and political groups.

5. RISK

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.

6. FINANCE

There are no material financial matters arising from the report.

7. LEGAL

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

8. POLICY AND EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

There are no specific policy or equalities implications for the Council arising from this report.

9. REASON FOR DECISION

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.	Communi ty First No.	Green JA No.	Ind JW No.	Ind Jan E No.	Ind Jam E No.	Total No.
Council	36	11	19	2	1	1	1	1	36
Committees of Council		30.56	52.78	5.56	2.78	2.78	2.78	2.78	100.00
Development Control	9	3	5	0	0	0	0	1	9
Licensing	11	2	6	1	1	1	0	0	11
Appointments and Appeals	9	4	4	1	0	0	0	0	9
Standards	7	2	3	0	0	1	0	1	7
Audit and Accounts	7	2	4	1	0	0	0	0	7
Overview and Scrutiny	10	3	6	0	0	0	1	0	10
Total	53	16	28	3	1	2	1	2	53
Grand Total	53	16	28	3	1	2	1	2	53
		30.19	52.83	5.66	1.89	3.77	1.89	3.77	
Balance Should Give		16.2	28.0	2.9	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	53
Difference		-0.2	0.0	0.1	-0.5	0.5	-0.5	0.5	0

Working Groups	Avail No	Conservative	Labour	Communi ty First	Green JA	Ind JW	Ind Jan E	Ind Jam E	Total
Governance Working Group	7	2	4	0	0	0	0	1	7
Grants Advisory Group	7	2	4	0	0	1	0	0	7
Consultation Working Group	7	2	4	0	0	0	1	0	7
Local Plan Steering Group	7	2	3	1	1	0	0	0	7
Project Development Consultation Group	5	2	3	0	0	0	0	0	5

MEMBERS OF THE CABINET, COMMITTEES AND MEETINGS 2022/2023

COMMITTEE	CHAIR	VICE CHAIR	MEMBERS	
CABINET (Leader, Deputy Leader and up to 8 other members)	Alyson Barnes	Jackie Oakes	Barbara Ashworth Steve Hughes Adrian Lythgoe Sean Serridge Andrew Walmsley	
DEVELOPMENT CONTROL (9 Members) 5 Labour 3 Conservative 1 Independent	Marilyn Procter	James Eaton	Ann Kenyon Liz McInnes Patrick Marriott Michelle Smith	Margaret Pendlebury Peter Steen Alan Woods
LICENSING (11 Members) 6 Labour 2 Conservative 1 Community First 1 Independent 1 Green Party	Samara Barnes	Michelle Smith	Sue Brennan Janice Johnson Liz McInnes Andy MacNae	Jenny Rigby Peter Steen Alan Neal Janet Whitehead Julie Adshead
AUDIT AND ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE (7 Members) 4 Labour 2 Conservative 1 Community First	Andy MacNae	Marilyn Procter	Sue Brennan Ann Kenyon	Peter Steen Alan Woods Dayne Powell (Plus Mr Simon McManus Co-opted)
OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE (10 Members) 6 Labour 3 Conservative 1 Independent	Janice Johnson	David Foxcroft	Mary Coogan Annie McMahon Patrick Marriott Marilyn Procter Gemma Rooke	Granville Morris Laura-Beth Thompson Janet Eaton (Plus Co-opted – vacancy)
STANDARDS (7 Elected Members, 2 Members of Whitworth Town Council and 1 Independent Person) 3 Labour 2 Conservative 2 Independent			Barbara Ashworth Adrian Lythgoe Sean Serridge Granville Morris Jenny Rigby James Eaton Janet Whitehead	<u>Whitworth Town Council</u> TBC TBC <u>Independent Persons</u> Alison Driver
APPOINTMENTS AND APPEALS (panel of 9 Members) 4 Labour 4 Conservative 1 Community First	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 Steve Hughes Jackie Oakes Sean Serridge	Anne Cheetham David Foxcroft Jenny Rigby Caroline Snowden	Alan Neal	

OTHER APPOINTMENTS			
GOVERNANCE WORKING GROUP (7 Members) 4 Labour 2 Conservative 1 Independent	Barbara Ashworth Patrick Marriott Jackie Oakes Sean Serridge	Tony Haworth Laura-Beth Thompson	James Eaton
GRANTS ADVISORY GROUP (7 Members) 4 Labour 2 Conservative 1 Independent	Steve Hughes Janice Johnson Ann Kenyon Gemma Rooke	Lynda Barnes Jenny Rigby	Janet Whitehead
CONSULTATION WORKING GROUP (7 Members) 4 Labour 2 Conservative 1 Independent	Ann Kenyon Patrick Marriott Jackie Oakes Andrew Walmsley	Margaret Pendlebury Peter Steen	Janet Eaton
LOCAL PLAN STEERING GROUP (7 Members) 3 Labour 2 Conservative 1 Community First 1 Green Party	Adrian Lythgoe Jackie Oakes Marilyn Procter	Tony Haworth Margaret Pendlebury	Alan Neal Julie Adshead
PROJECT DEVELOPMENT CONSULTATION GROUP (5 Members) 3 Labour 2 Conservative	Steve Hughes Adrian Lythgoe Marilyn Procter	Jenny Rigby Peter Steen	
MEMBER CHAMPIONS			
EQUALITIES	Gemma Rooke		
OLDER PEOPLE	Barbara Ashworth		
FLOOD	Janice Johnson		
DESIGN AND HERITAGE	Annie McMahon		
YOUNGER PEOPLE	Samara Barnes		
ARMED FORCES	Marilyn Procter		
ACTIVE TRAVEL	Andy MacNae		
FOOD	Liz McInnes		
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.			

JOINT COMMITTEE/ PARTNERSHIP APPOINTMENTS	
CAPITA Strategic Governance Board	Steve Hughes, Andrew Walmsley, Anne Cheetham
Children's Partnership Board	Barbara Ashworth
Healey Dell Nature Reserve Joint Management Committee	Dayne Powell, Janet Whitehead
Lancashire Leaders and District Leaders Groups	Alyson Barnes
Lancashire Police And Crime Panel	Jackie Oakes (Sean Serridge sub)
Lancashire Waste Partnership	Adrian Lythgoe
LCC Health and Well Being Board	Barbara Ashworth
LCC Health Scrutiny Committee	Barbara Ashworth (Steve Hughes sub)
Patrol Adjudication Joint Committee	Patrick Marriott
PLACE Joint Committee	Alyson Barnes
RTB Board	Alyson Barnes, Margaret Pendlebury
OUTSIDE BODY APPOINTMENTS	
Burnley Pendle & Rossendale Council for Voluntary Service (BPRCVS)	Marilyn Procter, Alan Woods
Carers Link Lancashire	Barbara Ashworth
East Lancashire Railway Trust Board of Management	Janice Johnson, Sean Serridge, Anne Cheetham
Growth Lancashire Board	Andy MacNae (Alyson Barnes sub)
LGA Assembly	Alyson Barnes
Littleworld Limited t/a Horse & Bamboo Theatre	Marilyn Procter
North West Employers'	Steve Hughes (Jackie Oakes sub)
North West Region Reserves Forces & Cadets Association (RFCA)	Marilyn Procter
Pennine Prospects	Andy MacNae
Rossendale Leisure Trust Ltd	Adrian Lythgoe, David Foxcroft