

Subject:	Political Balance, Committees and Outside Bodies		Status:	For Publication	
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Report of:	Chief Executive		Portfolio Holder:	Leader of the Council	
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Biodiversity Impact Assessment:		Required:	No	Attached:	No
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1. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1.1 That the Development Control Committee is reduced from 9 to 7 members as detailed in the appendices and that any required changes are made to the Council's Constitution.
- 1.2 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.
- 1.3 That James Heaton be appointed Co-opted Member of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee for a 2 year term, subject to relevant policies and references being completed.

2. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- Development Control Committee to have 7 members.
- Following the elections the Council has a new political balance (Appendix A).
- The appointments to committees for 2023/24 reflects this new balance (Appendix B).
- Appendix B also details:
 - Cabinet appointments
 - Chair/vice-chair appointments
 - Member Champion appointments
 - Working group and other appointments
 - Co-opted Member and Independent Person appointments

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 The Council is required to confirm the political balance following the elections and agree committee appointments in order to conduct its business.
- 3.2 For 2023/2024 there has been cross party agreement to reduce the Development Control Committee from 9 members to 7 as reflected in the appendices.

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. This includes taking into account the proposal to move from 9 to 7 members on the Development Control Committee.
- 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 the co-opted member on the Audit and Accounts Committee and the appointment of the co-opted member Overview and Scrutiny Committee.
- 4.5 The appointment of the co-opted member to the vacancy on the Overview and Scrutiny Committee is being made following the recruitment process and the recommendation made by the Appointment and Appeals Panel on 13th April 2023.
- 4.6 The Chief Executive has delegated authority to make any in-year changes to appointments where notified.
- 4.7 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.	Ind JW No.	Green JA No.	Ind. Jam E No.	Total No.
Council	36	9	22	2	1	1	1	36
Committees of Council		25.00	61.11	5.56	2.78	2.78	2.78	100.00
Development Control	7	2	4	0	0	0	1	7
Licensing	11	3	6	1	0	1	0	11
Audit and Accounts	7	2	4	1	0	0	0	7
Overview and Scrutiny	10	2	7	0	1	0	0	10
Standards	7	2	5	0	0	0	0	7
Appointments and Appeals	9	2	6	1	0	0	0	9
Total	51	13	32	3	1	1	1	51
Grand Total	51	13	32	3	1	1	1	51
		24.53	60.38	5.66	1.89	1.89	1.89	
Balance Should Give		12.8	31.2	2.8	1.4	1.4	1.4	51
Difference		0.3	0.8	0.2	-0.4	-0.4	-0.4	0

Working Groups	Avail No	Conservative	Labour	Communi ty First	Ind JW	Green JA	Ind JE	Total
Governance Working Group	7	2	4	1	0	0	0	7
Grants Advisory Group	7	2	4	0	1	0	0	7
Consultation Working Group	7	2	4	0	0	0	1	7
Local Plan Steering Group	7	2	3	1	0	1	0	7
Project Development Consultation Group	5	2	3	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 Liz McInnes	
DEVELOPMENT CONTROL (7 Members) 4 Labour 2 Conservative 1 Independent	Marilyn Procter	James Eaton	Judith Driver Christine Gill Patrick Marriott	Granville Morris Ann Hodgkiss
LICENSING (11 Members) 6 Labour 3 Conservative 1 Community First 1 Green Party	Patrick Marriott	Christine Gill	Judith Driver Janice Johnson Matt Norton Neil Looker	Anne Cheetham Jenny Rigby Laura-Beth Thompson Alan Neal Julie Adshead
AUDIT AND ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE (7 Members) 4 Labour 2 Conservative 1 Community First	Michelle Smith	Marilyn Procter	Andy MacNae Andrew Walmsley	Scott Smith Alan Woods Dayne Powell (Plus Mr Simon McManus Co-opted)
OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE (10 Members) 7 Labour 2 Conservative 1 Independent	Samara Barnes	David Foxcroft	Danielle Ashworth Mary Coogan Ann Kenyon Annie McMahon Matt Norton Gemma Rooke	Laura-Beth Thompson Janet Whitehead (Plus Mr James Heaton Co-opted)
STANDARDS (7 Elected Members, 2 Members of Whitworth Town Council and 1 Independent Person) 5 Labour 2 Conservative			Barbara Ashworth Samara Barnes Adrian Lythgoe Annie McMahon Andrew Walmsley Granville Morris Jenny Rigby	<u>Whitworth Town Council</u> TBC TBC <u>Independent Persons</u> Alison Driver
APPOINTMENTS AND APPEALS (panel of 9 Members) 6 Labour 2 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 Samara Barnes Christine Gill Steve Hughes Jackie Oakes Michelle Smith	David Foxcroft Jenny Rigby		Alan Neal

OTHER APPOINTMENTS			
GOVERNANCE WORKING GROUP (7 Members) 4 Labour 2 Conservative 1 Community First	Barbara Ashworth Patrick Marriott Jackie Oakes Marilyn Procter	Ann Hodgkiss Laura-Beth Thompson	Alan Neal
GRANTS ADVISORY GROUP (7 Members) 4 Labour 2 Conservative 1 Independent	Steve Hughes Janice Johnson Ann Kenyon Gemma Rooke	Ann Hodgkiss Caroline Snowden	Janet Whitehead
CONSULTATION WORKING GROUP (7 Members) 4 Labour 2 Conservative 1 Independent	Ann Kenyon Patrick Marriott Jackie Oakes Andrew Walmsley	David Foxcroft Scott Smith	James Eaton
LOCAL PLAN STEERING GROUP (7 Members) 3 Labour 2 Conservative 1 Community First 1 Green Party	Adrian Lythgoe Jackie Oakes Marilyn Procter	Ann Hodgkiss Jenny Rigby	Alan Neal Julie Adshead
PROJECT DEVELOPMENT CONSULTATION GROUP (5 Members) 3 Labour 2 Conservative	Steve Hughes Adrian Lythgoe Marilyn Procter	Jenny Rigby Caroline Snowden	
MEMBER CHAMPIONS			
EQUALITIES	Gemma Rooke		
FLOOD	Janice Johnson		
DESIGN AND HERITAGE	Annie McMahon		
YOUNGER PEOPLE	Samara Barnes		
ARMED FORCES	Marilyn Procter		
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		TYPE OF APPOINTMENT
CAPITA Strategic Governance Board	Steve Hughes, Jackie Oakes, Anne Cheetham	Board member
Healey Dell Nature Reserve Joint Management Committee	Dayne Powell, Janet Whitehead	Local authority ward member representative
Lancashire Leaders and District Leaders Groups	Alyson Barnes	Local authority lead member
Lancashire Police And Crime Panel	Jackie Oakes (Alyson Barnes sub)	Local authority member representative
Lancashire Waste Partnership	Adrian Lythgoe	Local authority member representative
LCC Health and Adult Services Scrutiny Committee	Barbara Ashworth (Steve Hughes sub)	Local authority co-opted member
LEP Joint Scrutiny Committee	Adrian Lythgoe	Local authority member representative
Patrol Adjudication Joint Committee	Patrick Marriott	Local authority member representative
PLACE Joint Committee	Alyson Barnes	Local authority lead member
RTB Board	Alyson Barnes, vacancy TBC	Director
OUTSIDE BODY APPOINTMENTS		TYPE OF APPOINTMENT
Burnley Pendle & Rossendale Council for Voluntary Service (BPRCVS)	Marilyn Procter, Alan Woods	Local authority member representative
Carers Link Lancashire	Barbara Ashworth	Local authority member representative
East Lancashire Railway Trust Board of Management	Janice Johnson, Annie McMahon, Anne Cheetham	Board member
Growth Lancashire Board	Andy MacNae (Alyson Barnes sub)	Director
LGA Assembly	Alyson Barnes	Local authority lead member
Littleworld Limited t/a Horse & Bamboo Theatre	Marilyn Procter	Trustee
North West Employers'	Steve Hughes (Jackie Oakes sub)	Local authority member representative
North West Region Reserves Forces & Cadets Association (RFCA)	Marilyn Procter	Local authority member representative
Pennine Prospects	Andy MacNae	Board member
Rossendale Leisure Trust Ltd	Adrian Lythgoe, David Foxcroft	Trustee/board member