

Subject:	Political Balance, Committees and Outside Bodies for 2011/12	Status:	For Publication
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Report of:	Chief Executive	Portfolio Holder:	The Leader of the Council
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Community 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 coming municipal year 2011/12.

3. CORPORATE PRIORITIES

- 3.1 The matters discussed in this report impact directly on the following corporate priorities:
- **A clean and green Rossendale** – creating a better environment for all.
 - **A healthy and successful Rossendale** – supporting vibrant communities and a strong economy.
 - **Responsive and value for money local services** – responding to and meeting the different needs of customers and improving the cost effectiveness of services.

4. RISK ASSESSMENT IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 All the issues raised and the recommendation(s) 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 following the recent elections.

- 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 the appointments of the Independent Standards Committee Members and Co-opted Members on the Performance and Policy Scrutiny Committees.
- 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. HEAD OF PEOPLE AND POLICY (ON BEHALF OF THE HEAD OF PAID SERVICE)

- 8.1 There are no specific human resources implications for the Council arising from this report.

9. CONSULTATION CARRIED OUT

- 9.1 Political Groups.

10. CONCLUSION

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

No background papers