

Subject:	Political Balance, Committees and Outside Bodies for 2014/15		Status:	For Publication	
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Report of:	Chief Executive		Portfolio Holder:	The 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"/>	
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 coming municipal year 2014/15.

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

Rossendale Borough Council - Political Balance Calculation

	Available No.	Conservative No.	Labour No.	Community First	Independent No.	Total No.
Council	36	10	24	1	1	36
Committees of Council		27.78	66.67	2.78	2.78	100.00
Development Control	7	2	5			7
Licensing	11	3	6	1	1	11
Appointments and Appeals	9	2	6		1	9
Standards	7	2	5			7
Audit and Accounts	7	2	5			7
Corporate Overview and Scrutiny	7	2	5			7
Partner Overview and Scrutiny	7	2	5			7
Total	55	15	37	1	2	55
Grand Total	55	15	37	1	2	55
		27.27	67.27	1.82	3.64	
Balance Should Give		15.3	36.7	1.5	1.5	55.0
Difference		-0.3	0.3	-0.5	0.5	0.0

Working Groups	Avail No	Con	Lab	Comm First	Independent	Total
Governance Working Group	7	2	4		1	7
Grants Advisory Group	7	3	4			7
Consulation Working Group	7	3	4			7

MEMBERS OF THE CABINET, COMMITTEES AND MEETINGS 2014/2015

COMMITTEE	CHAIR	VICE CHAIR	MEMBERS	
CABINET (Leader, Deputy Leader and up to 8 other Members)	Alyson Barnes	Sean Serridge	Andy MacNae Helen Jackson	Christine Lamb Patrick Marriott
DEVELOPMENT CONTROL (7 Members) 5 Labour 2 Conservative	Barbara Ashworth	Amanda Robertson	Jackie Oakes Marilyn Procter Andrea Fletcher	James Eaton Granville Morris
LICENSING (11 Members) 6 Labour 3 Conservative 1 Community First 1 Independent	Christine Gill	Colin Crawforth	Bob Wilkinson Barbara Ashworth Dorothy Farrington Steve Hughes	James Eaton Annabel Shipley Anne Cheetham Alan Neal Madeline De Souza
AUDIT AND ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE (7 Members) 5 Labour 2 Conservative	Tom Aldred	Roy Knowles	Jackie Oakes Marilyn Procter Steve Hughes	Brian Essex Peter Evans (Plus Mr Mumtaz Ali Co-opted)
CORPORATE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE (7 Members) 5 Labour 2 Conservative	Jackie Oakes	Marilyn Procter	Caroline Bleakley Steve Hughes Karen Creaser	Gladys Sandiford Karl Kempson (plus K. Pilkington co-opted)
PARTNER OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE (7 Members) 5 Labour 2 Conservative	Liz McInnes	Ann Kenyon	Andrea Fletcher Roy Knowles Peter Roberts	Annabel Shipley Karl Kempson (Co-opted post vacant)
STANDARDS (7 Elected Members, 2 Members of Whitworth Town Council and 1 Independent Person) 5 Labour 2 Conservative			Sean Serridge Christine Gill Christine Lamb Liz McInnes Patrick Marriott Granville Morris Gladys Sandiford	<u>Whitworth Town Council</u> Jim Mellor (TBC) David Barnes (TBC) <u>Independent Persons</u> Alison Driver

COMMITTEE	CHAIR	VICE CHAIR	MEMBERS
APPOINTMENTS AND APPEALS (panel of 9 Members) 6 Labour 2 Conservative 1 Independent	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 Tom Aldred	Christine Lamb Marilyn Procter Bob Wilkinson	Darryl Smith Brian Essex Madeline De Souza
OTHER APPOINTMENTS			
GOVERNANCE WORKING GROUP (7 Members) 4 Labour 2 Conservative 1 Independent	Sean Serridge Patrick Marriott Christine Gill Robert Wilkinson		Peter Evans Gladys Sandiford Madeline De Souza
GRANTS ADVISORY GROUP (7 Members) 4 Labour 3 Conservative	Peter Roberts Michelle Smith Dorothy Farrington Steve Hughes		James Eaton Anne Cheetham Brian Essex
CONSULTATION WORKING GROUP (7 Members) 4 Labour 3 Conservative	Helen Jackson Christine Gill Patrick Marriott Robert Wilkinson		Brian Essex Anne Cheetham Gladys Sandiford
MEMBER CHAMPIONS			
EQUALITIES	Karen Creaser		
YOUNGER PEOPLE	Steve Hughes		
OLDER PEOPLE	Barbara Ashworth		
TOURISM	Andy MacNae		
DESIGN AND HERITAGE	Peter Roberts		
ARMED FORCES	Christine Gill		
JOINT COMMITTEES			
LANCASHIRE POLICE AND CRIME PANEL	Alyson Barnes		
PLACE JOINT COMMITTEE	Alyson Barnes		

3 TIER FORUM

Christine Lamb
Colin Crawforth
Robert Wilkinson

Darryl Smith
Amanda Milling

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)	Barbara Ashworth, Gladys Sandiford
CAPITA Strategic Governance Board	Sean Serridge, Barbara Ashworth, Granville Morris
Children's Trust	Amanda Robertson
East Lancashire Into Employment	Jackie Oakes, Peter Evans
East Lancashire Railway Trust Board of Management	Andy MacNae, Roy Knowles, Anne Cheetham
Green Vale Homes	Helen Jackson, Marilyn Procter
Haslingden Community Link Children's Advisory Board	Marilyn Procter
Healey Dell Nature Reserve Joint Management Committee	Tom Aldred, Alan Neal, Madeline De Souza
Health Lead for Rossendale	Liz McInnes
Inspire - East Lancashire Integrated Substance Misuse Services	Christine Lamb
LCC Health Scrutiny Committee	Liz McInnes (Christine Lamb sub)
Lancashire Leaders Forum	Alyson Barnes
Lancashire Waste Partnership	Christine Lamb
Littleworld Limited t/a Horse & Bamboo Theatre	Jackie Oakes
Maden Community & Children's Centre Partnership Board	Amanda Robertson, James Eaton
North West Employers'	Patrick Marriott (Sean Serridge sub)
North West Region Reserves Forces & Cadets Association (RFCA)	Christine Gill
Patrol Adjudication Joint Committee	Patrick Marriott
Regenerate Governing Body	Andrew MacNae
Rossendale Citizens Advice Bureau	Amanda Robertson, Steve Hughes, Brian Essex
Rossendale Domestic Abuse Partnership	Marilyn Procter, Annabel Shipley
Rossendale Leisure Trust Ltd	Tom Aldred, Granville Morris
Rossendale Transport Limited	Patrick Marriott, Colin Crawforth, Robert Wilkinson, Roy Knowles, Brian Essex and Anne Cheetham
West Pennine Moors Area Management Committee	Andrew MacNae, Karl Kempson