

Subject:	Political Balance, Committees and Outside Bodies for 2015/16	Status:	For Publication
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Report of:	Chief Executive	Portfolio Holder:	The Leader of the Council
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Biodiversity Impact Assessment	Required:	No	Attached: No
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1.	RECOMMENDATION(S)
1.1	That the Council agrees to merge Corporate Overview and Scrutiny and Partner Overview and Scrutiny to create the Overview and Scrutiny Committee. The committee will have 10 seats.
1.2	That the Council's Constitution is amended to reflect the changes detailed at 1.1 and 5.4 of the report.
1.3	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, other meetings and Member Champions Appendix C - Draft representatives on outside bodies

2. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 2.1 To inform of changes to the overview and scrutiny committees and the number of seats available.
- 2.2 To confirm the political balance, appointments to committees and appointments to outside bodies for the municipal year 2015/16.

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

Changes to Overview and Scrutiny

5.1 Corporate Overview and Scrutiny currently meets 6 times a year and Partner Overview and Scrutiny currently meets 4 times a year. It is proposed to merge the two committees to create one Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

5.2 The Overview and Scrutiny Committee will cover the terms of reference of the Corporate and Partner Overview and Scrutiny Committees and will meet 10 times a year.

5.3 There will be 10 seats available on the merged committee.

5.4 The Council's Constitution will require amending to reflect the changes, including the merging of the terms of reference.

Political balance, appointments to committees and outside bodies

5.5 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.

5.6 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.

5.7 Political balance does not apply to the Cabinet which may be either single or multi party.

5.8 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 and Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

5.9 The proposed appointments to outside bodies is attached at Appendix C.

COMMENTS FROM STATUTORY OFFICERS:

6. SECTION 151 OFFICER

6.1 The merging of the current two Overview and Scrutiny committees will produce a saving in special allowances. There are no other material financial matters arising from the 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 No.	Independent No.	Total No.
Council	36	15	19	1	1	36
Committees of Council		41.67	52.78	2.78	2.78	100.00
Development Control	7	3	4	0	0	7
Licensing	11	4	5	1	1	11
Appointments and Appeals	9	3	4	1	1	9
Standards	7	3	4	0	0	7
Audit and Accounts	7	3	4	0	0	7
Overview and Scrutiny	10	4	6	0	0	10
Total	51	20	27	2	2	51
Grand Total	51	20	27	2	2	51
		39.22	52.94	3.92	3.92	
Balance Should Give		21.3	26.9	1.4	1.4	51
Difference		-1.3	0.1	0.6	0.6	0

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

MEMBERS OF THE CABINET, COMMITTEES AND MEETINGS 2015/2016

COMMITTEE	CHAIR	VICE CHAIR	MEMBERS	
CABINET (Leader, Deputy Leader and up to 8 other Members)	Alyson Barnes	Christine Lamb	Barbara Ashworth Patrick Marriott Sean Serridge	
DEVELOPMENT CONTROL (7 Members) 4 Labour 3 Conservative	Jackie Oakes	Andrea Fletcher	Marilyn Procter Amanda Robertson	James Eaton Karl Kempson Granville Morris
LICENSING (11 Members) 5 Labour 4 Conservative 1 Community First 1 Independent	Colin Crawforth	Madeline De Souza	Dorothy Farrington Adrian Lythgoe Sam Smallridge Michelle Smith	James Eaton Anne Cheetham Tony Haworth Annabel Shipley Alan Neal
AUDIT AND ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE (7 Members) 4 Labour 3 Conservative	Roy Knowles	Michelle Smith	Steve Hughes Jackie Oakes	Brian Essex Peter Evans Peter Steen (Plus Mr Mumtaz Ali Co-opted)
OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE (10 Members) 6 Labour 4 Conservative	Amanda Robertson	Steve Hughes	Caroline Bleakley Ann Kenyon Adrian Lythgoe Annie McMahon	Lynda Barnes Janet Eaton Tony Haworth Gladys Sandiford (Co-opted post vacant)
STANDARDS (7 Elected Members, 2 Members of Whitworth Town Council and 1 Independent Person) 4 Labour 3 Conservative			Barbara Ashworth Adrian Lythgoe Patrick Marriott Sean Serridge Sarah Collinge Brian Essex Peter Evans	<u>Whitworth Town Council</u> (TBC) (TBC) <u>Independent Persons</u> Alison Driver
APPOINTMENTS AND APPEALS (panel of 9 Members) 4 Labour 3 Conservative 1 Community First 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 Christine Lamb Adrian Lythgoe		Sean Serridge Brian Essex Annabel Shipley	Darryl Smith Alan Neal Madeline De Souza

OTHER APPOINTMENTS	
GOVERNANCE WORKING GROUP (7 Members) 4 Labour 3 Conservative	Steve Hughes Patrick Marriott Sean Serridge Sam Smallridge
GRANTS ADVISORY GROUP (7 Members) 4 Labour 3 Conservative	Dorothy Farrington Steve Hughes Annie McMahon Michelle Smith
CONSULTATION WORKING GROUP (7 Members) 4 Labour 3 Conservative	Barbara Ashworth Ann Kenyon Patrick Marriott Jackie Oakes
MEMBER CHAMPIONS	
EQUALITIES	Michelle Smith
YOUNGER PEOPLE	Steve Hughes
OLDER PEOPLE	Barbara Ashworth
TOURISM	Jackie Oakes
DESIGN AND HERITAGE	Annie McMahon
ARMED FORCES	Sam Smallridge
JOINT COMMITTEES	
LANCASHIRE POLICE AND CRIME PANEL	Alyson Barnes
PLACE JOINT COMMITTEE	Alyson Barnes
RTB BOARD	Alyson Barnes and Darryl Smith
3 TIER FORUM	
Colin Crawforth Ann Kenyon Christine Lamb	Darryl Smith Peter Steen
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, Peter Steen
CAPITA Strategic Governance Board	Barbara Ashworth, Adrian Lythgoe, Lynda Barnes
Children's Trust	Amanda Robertson
East Lancashire Health and Well Being Partnership	Barbara Ashworth
East Lancashire Into Employment	Jackie Oakes, Tony Haworth
East Lancashire Railway Trust Board of Management	Roy Knowles, Sean Serridge, Anne Cheetham
Green Vale Homes	Marilyn Procter, Annie McMahon
Haslingden Community Link Children's Advisory Board	Marilyn Procter
Healey Dell Nature Reserve Joint Management Committee	Sean Serridge, Alan Neal
Health Lead for Rossendale	Barbara Ashworth
Inspire - East Lancashire Integrated Substance Misuse Services	Christine Lamb
LCC Health Scrutiny Committee	Barbara Ashworth (Jackie Oakes sub)
LGA Culture, Tourism and Sport Board	Alyson Barnes
Lancashire Leaders Forum	Alyson Barnes
Lancashire Waste Partnership	Christine Lamb
Littleworld Limited t/a Horse & Bamboo Theatre	Patrick Marriott
Maden Community & Children's Centre Partnership Board	Amanda Robertson, James Eaton
North West Employers'	Patrick Marriott (Alyson Barnes sub)
North West Region Reserves Forces & Cadets Association (RFCA)	Sam Smallridge
Patrol Adjudication Joint Committee	Patrick Marriott
Regenerate Governing Body	Alyson Barnes
Rossendale Citizens Advice Bureau	Amanda Robertson, Steve Hughes, Brian Essex
Rossendale Domestic Abuse Partnership	Annie McMahon, Annabel Shipley
Rossendale Leisure Trust Ltd	Adrian Lythgoe, Granville Morris
Rossendale Transport Limited	Roy Knowles, Patrick Marriott, Jackie Oakes, Colin Crawforth, Brian Essex, Anne Cheetham
West Pennine Moors Area Management Committee	Adrian Lythgoe, Brian Essex