

<b>Subject:</b>	Political Balance, Committees and Outside Bodies	<b>Status:</b>	For Publication
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<b>1.</b>	<b>RECOMMENDATION(S)</b>
1.1	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
1.2	That Council confirms the extension of the co-opted member appointments as detailed in Appendix B until May 2020.

## 2. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 2.1 To confirm the political balance, appointments to committees and appointments to outside bodies for the municipal year 2018/19.

## 3. CORPORATE PRIORITIES

- 3.1 The matters discussed in this report impact directly on the following corporate priorities:
- **A clean and green Rossendale:** our priority is to keep Rossendale clean and green for all of Rossendale's residents and visitors, and to take available opportunities to recycle and use energy from renewable sources more efficiently.
  - **A connected and successful Rossendale that welcomes sustainable growth:** our priority is to ensure that we are well connected to our residents, key partners and stakeholders. We want to make the most of every pound we spend and we are always looking for new and innovative ways to make the resources we do have, work harder for us.
  - **A proud, healthy and vibrant Rossendale:** our priority is to ensure that we are creating and maintaining a healthy and vibrant place for people to live and visit.

## 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**

### **Political balance, appointments to committees and outside bodies**

- 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 and Overview and 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 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