


Agenda Item No:	11	
Committee:	Council	
Date:	14 December 2017	
Report Title:	Membership of Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Combined Authority Overview and Scrutiny Committee	

1 Purpose / Summary

To request that Council make an additional appointment of a substitute Member to the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority Overview and Scrutiny Committee for the municipal year 2017/2018.

2 Key issues

- During the Annual Council meeting in May 2017 Council were asked to make appointments to the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority. This also included appointments to the Combined Authority Overview and Scrutiny Committee and Audit Committee.
- At that time Council appointed two members from the Conservative Party to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee and we are currently represented by Cllrs Yeulett and Mason and in addition appointed one substitute Member Cllr Mrs Davis.
- The membership of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee as a whole should reflect so far as reasonably practicable the balance of political parties on the constituent councils when taken together. The balance is based on membership of political parties, not political groups, on constituent councils across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough.
- The Combined Authority has agreed that substitute members should be appointed for each position on the Overview and Scrutiny Committee. Any substitute members should come from the same party as the Member they are substituting for to maintain political balance.
- In May 2017 Members were advised that in relation to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee, if constituent councils have appointed members from the same political parties, ie East Cambs and Fenland, those Councils might only wish to appoint one substitute rather than two. The quorum set down in legislation is two thirds of the total membership.
- The Combined Authority Overview and Scrutiny Committee now require that a second substitute member is appointed to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee as it has been identified that it is preferable to appoint two members in case both members are absent from a meeting and need to substitute.

3 Recommendations

- Members are requested to make the appointment of a second substitute member to the Combined Authority Overview and Scrutiny Committee for the remainder of the municipal year 2017/18, and for this Member to be Councillor Mark Buckton.

- That the Chief Executive be authorised to make any consequential changes to this or any other appointment to the Combined Authority in consultation with the relevant Group Leaders.

Wards Affected	All
Forward Plan Reference	
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Background Paper(s)	Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Devolution Report submitted to Council on 17 November 2016 Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Combined Authority - Scrutiny Arrangements Report submitted to Council on 23 February 2017