


Agenda Item No:	12	
Committee:	Council	
Date:	17 May 2018	
Report Title:	Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority – Membership and Other Appointments	

1 Purpose / Summary

To request the Council to make appointments to the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority for the municipal year 2018/2019.

2 Key issues

- In accordance with the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority Order 2017, each Constituent Council must appoint one of its elected members and a substitute member to the Combined Authority.
- The Council is asked to appoint a member and substitute member for the municipal year 2018/19.
- The Council is also asked to make appointments to the Combined Authority Overview and Scrutiny Committee and Audit Committee.

3 Recommendations

Members are requested to make the following appointments/nominations to the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority for the municipal year 2018/2019:

- (a) appoint Chris Seaton, Leader of the Council to act as the Council's appointee to the Combined Authority and one substitute member; Councillor David Oliver
- (b) nominate two members from the Conservative party to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee, Councillors Boden and Hodgson and two substitute members from the same political parties as those appointed – Councillors Mrs Davis and Mrs Clark.
- (c) nominate one member from the Conservative party to the Audit and Governance Committee Councillor Mrs Hay and one substitute member from the same political party – Councillor Will Sutton.

- 3.1 That the Chief Executive be authorised to make any amendments to the appointments to the Combined Authority Board, Overview and Scrutiny Committee and the Audit and Governance Committee in consultation with the Political Group Leaders, if the political balance is amended by the Combined

Authority between now and the next Council meeting and at any time throughout the municipal year.

- To adopt the schedule of appointments and political allocations set out in the appendices.

Wards Affected	All
Forward Plan Reference	NA
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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 Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority – Membership and other appointments report 2017/18

1 Background / introduction

- 1.1 In accordance with the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority Order 2017, each Constituent Council must appoint one of its elected members and a substitute member to the Combined Authority. This is normally the Leader. Each Council made these appointments at its respective Council meeting in May 2017 for the 2017/18 municipal year. The Council is now asked to appoint a member and substitute member for the municipal year 2018/19.

2 Non-Executive Committees

- 2.1 The Combined Authorities (Overview and Scrutiny Committees, Access to Information and Audit Committees) Order 2016 requires the Combined Authority to establish an Overview and Scrutiny Committee and an Audit Committee. The Order sets out the rules for membership. The membership of the Overview and Scrutiny and the Audit Committees as a whole should reflect so far as reasonably practicable the balance of political parties of 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.
- 3.3 On 3 May 2018, there were local elections for a number of constituent councils. The Combined Authority has reviewed the political balance on constituent councils and has requested constituent councils to make the following appointments to these committees.

Overview and Scrutiny Committee

- 3.4 The Combined Authority agreed that to ensure an equitable representation across each constituent authority, two members from each council should be appointed to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee representing a total membership of fourteen members. In May 2017, the Council nominated two members to the Committee for the municipal year 2017/18.
- 3.5 The implications of applying political proportionality to a fourteen member Overview and Scrutiny Committee are detailed in Appendix 1.
- 3.6 The Council is required to nominate two members from the Conservative party to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee for the municipal year 2018/19 based on the political balance set out in Appendix 1.

Audit and Governance Committee

- 3.7 The Combined Authority agreed to establish an Audit and Governance Committee consisting of seven constituent members: one member from each constituent council.
- 3.8 The implications of applying political proportionality to a seven member Audit and Governance Committee are detailed in Appendix 2. The Council is required to nominate one member from the Conservative party to sit on the Audit and Governance Committee for the municipal year 2018/19 based on the political balance set out in Appendix 2.

Substitute members

- 3.9 The Combined Authority has agreed that substitute members should be appointed for each position on the Audit and Governance Committee and 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.
- 3.10 For 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. Therefore, it is preferable to appoint two members in case both members are absent from a meeting and need to substitute.

Conclusion

- 3.11 All appointments and nominations made by constituent councils will be reported to the Combined Authority's annual meeting on 30 May.
- 3.11 The political balance calculations in the Appendices are based on up to date statistics given by constituent councils and take account of the outcome of constituent council elections. However, there may be last minute changes in the lead up to constituent councils' annual meetings and Combined Authority's annual meeting on 30 May.
- 3.12 If there are consequential changes to the overall political balance, the Combined Authority may need to review the membership and the allocation of seats to political parties on the above committees. The Monitoring Officer will advise constituent councils if any subsequent changes have been necessary, and whether any changes need to be made to their nominations.
- 3.13 If there is no provision in constituent council's standing orders, the Council may wish to consider giving delegated powers for the Chief Executive to approve any consequential changes to these appointments in consultation with the relevant Party Group leaders.

4.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS/EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

4.1 In accordance with the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority Order 2017, no remuneration is to be payable by the Combined Authority to its members.

5.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

5.1 These are set out in the report. The Combined Authorities (Overview and Scrutiny Committees, Access to Information and Audit Committees) Order 2016 requires a combined authority to ensure that the members of the committee taken as a whole reflect so far as reasonably practicable the balance of political parties for the time being prevailing among members of the constituent councils when taken together.

6.0 APPENDICES

6.1 Appendix 1 – Overview and Scrutiny Committee political balance calculations.

Appendix 2 – Audit and Governance Committee political balance calculations

Appendix 1 Political Balance Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Overview and Scrutiny Committee of 14														
POLITICAL BALANCE ACROSS THE COUNTY as at 4 May 2018														
	Total	Vacancy	Conserv.	Labour	Putting St Neots First	Independ ent	Werrington First	Liberal Party	Liberal Democr ats	Green	UKIP	Total	Entitle ment	
CAMBRIDGESHIRE	2	0	36	7	2	2	0	0	14	0	0	61	1 Conserv. 1 Lib Dem	
PETERBOROUGH	2	0	31	14	0	2	3	1	7	1	1	60	1 Conserv ative 1 Labour	
HUNTINGDONSHIRE	2	0	30	4	6	5	0	0	7	0	0	52	1 Conserv ative 1 Independ ent	
EAST CAMBS	2	0	35	0	0	1	0	0	3	0	0	39	2 Conserv atives	
SOUTH CAMBS	2	0	11	2	0	2	0	0	30	0	0	45	1 Conserv ative, 1 Lib Dem	
CAMBRIDGE CITY	2	0	0	26	0	2	0	0	13	1	0	42	1 Labour 1 Lib Dem	
FENLAND	2	0	34	0	0	3	0	0	2	0	0	39	2 Conserv atives	
TOTAL			0	177	53	8	17	3	1	76	2	1	338	
POLITICAL BALANCE %			52.37	15.68	2.37	5.03	0.89	0.30	22.49	0.59	0.30	100.00		
Seat allocation May 2018			8	2	0	1	0	0	3	0	0	14		
Committee seat allocation	14		7.33	2.20	0.33	0.70	0.12	0.04	3.15	0.08	0.04	14.00		

Appendix 2 – Political Balance Audit Committee

Audit and Governance Committee of 7														
POLITICAL BALANCE ACROSS THE COUNTY asat 4 May 2018														
	Total	Vacancy	Conservative	Labour	Putting St Neots First	Independent	Werrington First	Liberal Party	Liberal Democrats	Green	UKIP	Total	Entitlement	
CAMBRIDGESHIRE	1	0	36	7	2	2	0	0	14	0	0	61	1 Lib Dem	
PETERBOROUGH	1	0	31	14	0	2	3	1	7	1	1	60	1 Conservative	
HUNTINGDONSHIRE	1	0	30	4	6	5	0		7	0	0	52	1 Conservative	
EAST CAMBS	1	0	35	0	0	1	0	0	3	0	0	39	1 Conservative	
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Seat allocation May 2018			4	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	7		
Committee seat allocation	7		3.67	1.10	0.17	0.35	0.06	0.02	1.57	0.04	0.02	7.00		