


Agenda Item No:	<b>13</b>	
Committee:	<b>Council</b>	
Date:	<b>23rd May 2019</b>	
Report Title:	<b>Combined Authority Membership and Other Appointments</b>	

## 1. PURPOSE/SUMMARY

- 1.1. To request the Council to make appointments to the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority for the municipal year 2019/2020.

## 2. KEY ISSUES

- 2.1. 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 Board. This is usually the Leader of the Council.
- 2.2. The Council is also asked to make appointments to the Combined Authority Overview and Scrutiny Committee and Audit and Governance Committee.

## 3. RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1. To agree the appointments and nominations to the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority for the municipal year 2019/20 (to be tabled).
- 3.2. 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 relevant Political Group Leaders, if the political balance is amended by the Authority between now and the next Council meeting and at any time throughout the municipal year.
- 3.3. To adopt the schedule of appointments and political allocations set out in the appendices.

<b>Wards Affected</b>	All
<b>Forward Pan Reference</b>	N/A
<b>Portfolio Holder(s)</b>	N/A
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<b>Background papers</b>	Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority Order 2017

#### **4. BACKGROUND/INTRODUCTION**

- 4.1. 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 and is requested to do so for each subsequent municipal year. The Council is now asked to appoint a member and substitute member for the municipal year 2019/20.

#### **5. NON EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

- 5.1. 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 and Governance Committee. The Order sets out the rules for membership. The membership of the Overview and Scrutiny and the Audit and Governance 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.
- 5.2. The Combined Authority having reviewed the political balance on constituent councils in 2019 requested constituent councils to make the following appointments to these committees.

##### **5.2.1. Overview & Scrutiny Committee**

- 5.2.1.1. 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.
- 5.2.1.2. The Council is required to nominate two members from the Conservative Party to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee for the municipal year 2019/20 based on the political balance set out in the appendices.

##### **5.2.2. Audit & Governance Committee**

- 5.2.2.1. The Combined Authority agreed to establish an Audit and Governance Committee consisting of seven constituent members: one member from each constituent council.

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5.2.2.2. The Council is required to nominate one member from the Conservative Party to sit on the Audit and Governance Committee for the municipal year 2019/20 based on the political balance set out in the appendices.

### **5.2.3. Substitutes**

5.2.3.1. 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.

5.2.3.2. 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.

### **5.3. CONCLUSION**

5.3.1. All appointments and nominations made by constituent councils will be reported to the Combined Authority's annual meeting on 30 May.

5.3.2. 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.

5.3.3. 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.

5.3.4. The Council is requested to delegate powers to the Chief Executive to approve any consequential changes to these appointments in consultation with the relevant Party Group leaders.

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Appendix 1

**Audit and Governance Committee of 7**

**POLITICAL BALANCE ACROSS THE COUNTY as at 3 May 2019**

	Total	Vacancy	Conservative	Labour	Putting St Neots	Independent	Werrington First	Liberal Party	Liberal Democrat	Green	UKIP	Total	Entitlement 2018	Entitlement 2019
CAMBRIDGESHIRE	1	0	36	7	2	0	0	0	15	0	0	60	1 Lib Dem	1 Con
PETERBOROUGH	1	0	28	17	0	0	3	1	9	2	0	60	1 Conservative	1 Lib Dem
HUNTINGDONSHIRE	1	0	30	4	6	0	0	0	7	0	0	47	1 Conservative	1 Con
EAST CAMBS	1	0	15	0	0	0	0	0	13	0	0	28	1 Conservatives	1 Con
SOUTH CAMBS	1	0	11	2	0	0	0	0	30	0	0	43	1 Lib Dem	1 Lib Dem
CAMBRIDGE CITY	1	0	0	26	0	0	0	0	15	0	0	41	1 Labour	1 Lab
FENLAND	1	0	26	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	29	1 Conservatives	1 Con
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>146</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>308</b>		
POLITICAL BALANCE %			47.40	18.18	2.60	0.00	0.97	0.32	29.55	0.97	0.00	100.00		
<b>Seat allocation May 2018</b>			<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>7</b>		
Committee seat allocation	7		3.32	1.27	0.18	0.00	0.07	0.02	2.07	0.07	0.00	7.00		

Seat allocation May 2019

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