


	Agenda Item 9	
Committee:	Council	
Date:	17 June 2020	
Report Title:	Combined Authority Membership and Other Appointments	

1. PURPOSE/SUMMARY

- 1.1. To request the Council to make appointments to the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority for the municipal year 2020/2021.

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 2020/21.
- 3.1.1. appoint Cllr Chris Boden, Leader of Council to act as the Council's appointee to the Combined Authority and appoint one substitute member, Cllr Mrs Jan French;
- 3.1.2. nominate two members from the Conservative party to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee - Cllrs Mason and Cllr Mrs Hay, and two substitute members from the same political party as those appointed – Cllrs Tierney and Miscandlon;
- 3.1.3. nominate one member from the Conservative Party to the Audit and Governance Committee - Cllr Benney and one substitute member from the same political party - Cllr Hoy.
- 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 at any time throughout the municipal year.
- 3.3. To adopt the schedule of appointments and political allocations set out in the appendices.

Wards Affected	All
Forward Pan Reference	N/A

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Background papers	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 members and substitute members for the municipal year 2020/21.

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 2020 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 2020/21 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.

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 2020/21 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, i.e. 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.

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.

5.3.3. The Council ordinarily has 39 elected members however a vacancy currently exists, which cannot be filled as a result of a by election until May 2021, in accordance with the current regulations (the Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local

Authority and Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020). Legislation requires a political proportionality review to be conducted following an election rather than as a result of a vacancy. However given there will be a significant delay before there is a legal requirement for a review, Group Leaders have indicated that they agree to act in accordance with the spirit of the legislation. The review would then be based on the number of 'actual' members discounting the vacancy, namely 38, which is the figure the Combined Authority have taken when conducting their proportionality calculations.

- 5.3.4. 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 CPCA Monitoring Officer will advise constituent councils if any subsequent changes have been necessary, and whether any changes need to be made to their nominations.
- 5.3.5. 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
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**Overview and Scrutiny Committee of 14
POLITICAL BALANCE ACROSS THE COUNTY as at 8 May 2020**

	Total	Vacancy	Conservative	Labour	Liberal Democrats	Independent	Green	St. Neots Independent	Liberal Party	Werrington First	HDC Independent	Total	Entitlement
CAMBRIDGESHIRE	2		35	7	16	1		2				61	1 Conservative; 1 Lib Dem
CAMBRIDGE CITY	2			26	15	1						42	1 Labour; 1 Lib Dem
EAST CAMBS.	2		15		11	2						28	1 Conservative; 1 Lib Dem
FENLAND	2		25		2	10	1					38	2 Conservative
HUNTINGDONSHIRE	2		30	4	7	1					10	52	1 Conservative; 1 Lib Dem
PETERBOROUGH	2		27	17	9		2		1	3		59	1 Conservative; 1 Labour
SOUTH CAMBS.	2		11	2	30	2						45	1 Lib Dem; 1 Conservative
TOTAL	14	0	143	56	90	17	3	2	1	3	10	325	
POLITICAL BALANCE %			44.00	17.23	27.69	5.23	0.92	0.62	0.31	0.92	3.08		
Seat allocation			7	3	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	14	
Committee seat allocation	14		6.16	2.41	3.88	0.73	0.13	0.09	0.04	0.13	0.43	14	

APPENDIX 2

**Audit and Governance Committee of 7
POLITICAL BALANCE ACROSS THE COUNTY as at 8 May 2020**

	Total	Vacancy	Conservative	Labour	Liberal Democrats	Independent	Green	St. Neots Independent	Liberal Party	Werrington First	HDC Independent	Total	Entitlement
CAMBRIDGESHIRE	1		35	7	16	1		2				61	1 Conservative
CAMBRIDGE CITY	1			26	15	1						42	1 Labour
EAST CAMBS.	1		15		11	2						28	1 Conservative
FENLAND	1		25		2	10	1					38	1 Conservative
HUNTINGDONSHIRE	1		30	4	7	1					10	52	1 Conservative
PETERBOROUGH	1		27	17	9		2		1	3		59	1 Liberal Democrat
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POLITICAL BALANCE %			44.00	17.23	27.69	5.23	0.92	0.62	0.31	0.92	3.08		
Seat allocation			4	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	
Committee seat allocation	7		3.08	1.2061	1.9383	0.3661	0.0644	0.0434	0.0217	0.0644	0.2156	7	