


	Agenda Item: 12	
Committee:	Council	
Date:	19th May 2021	
Report Title:	Combined Authority Membership and Other Appointments	

1. PURPOSE/SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report requests the Council to make appointments to the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority for the municipal year 2021/2022.

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, Audit and Governance Committee, Employment Committee, Housing and Communities Committee, Skills Committee and Transport and Infrastructure Committee.

3. RECOMMENDATION

Members are requested to make the following appointments to the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority for the municipal year 2021/2022:

- 3.1. To appoint the Leader of Council to act as the Council's appointee to the Combined Authority Board and one substitute member - Deputy Leader, Cllr Mrs Jan French;
- 3.2. To appoint two members from the Conservative Party to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee - Cllrs Anne Hay and Alex Miscandlon, and two substitute members from the same political party as those appointed being Cllr Steve Tierney and one vacancy;
- 3.3. To appoint one member from the Conservative Party to the Audit and Governance Committee – Cllr Ian Benney and one substitute member from the same political party - Cllr Sam Hoy.
- 3.4. To appoint one member from the Conservative Party to the Employment Committee – Cllr Kim French and one substitute member from the same political party – Cllr Maureen Davis.
- 3.5. To appoint one member from the Conservative Party to the Housing and Communities Committee – Cllr Chris Boden and one substitute member from the same political party – Cllr Dee Laws.

- 3.6. To appoint one member from the Conservative Party to the Skills Committee – Cllr Chris Seaton and one substitute member from the same political party – Cllr David Mason.
- 3.7. To appoint one member from the Conservative Party to the Transport and Infrastructure Committee – Cllr Chris Seaton and one substitute member from the same political party – Cllr Chris Boden.
- 3.8. To authorise the Chief Executive to make any amendments to the appointments to the Combined Authority Board, all existing Committees and any new Committees which may be created in consultation with the relevant Group Leader at any time throughout the municipal year.

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.

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- 4.2. Members are asked to agree the proposed appointments recommended in this Report for the municipal year 2021/22.

5. NON EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES

- 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. On 6 May 2021, there were local elections for the County Council, Cambridge City Council and Peterborough City Council and several by elections took place. The Combined Authority has reviewed the political balance on constituent councils and has requested constituent councils to make the following appointments to these committees.

5.3. Overview & Scrutiny Committee

- 5.3.1.1. 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.
- 5.3.1.2. The implications of applying political proportionality to a fourteen-member Overview and Scrutiny Committee are detailed in Appendix 1 and require the appointment of 2 Fenland District Councillors and 2 substitutes from the Conservative Party for the municipal year 2021/22.
- 5.3.1.3. Members are asked to agree the nominations recommended in this Report.

5.3.2. Audit & Governance Committee

- 5.3.2.1. The Combined Authority agreed to establish an Audit and Governance Committee consisting of seven constituent members: one member from each constituent council.
- 5.3.2.2. The implications of applying political proportionality to a seven-member Audit and Governance Committee are detailed in Appendix 2 and require the appointment of one Fenland District Councillor and one substitute from the Conservative Party for the municipal year 2021/22.
- 5.3.2.3. Members are asked to agree the nomination recommended in this Report.

5.3.3. Substitutes

- 5.3.3.1. 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.
- 5.3.3.2. For the Overview and Scrutiny Committee, as Fenland District Council is proposing the appointment of two Councillors from the same political party, it has the option to only appoint one substitute rather than two. However, the quorum set down in legislation is two thirds of the total membership and it is therefore preferable, as recommended, to appoint two members in case both members are absent from a meeting and need to substitute.

5.4. CONCLUSION

- 5.4.1. All appointments and nominations made by constituent councils will be reported to the Combined Authority's annual meeting on 2nd June 2021.
- 5.4.2. 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 the local elections which took place on 6th May 2021. However, there may be last minute changes in the lead up to constituent councils' annual meetings and Combined Authority's annual meeting on 2nd June 2021.
- 5.4.3. 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 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.
- 5.4.4. Further and in order to ensure that there is adequate provision for any in-year changes that may need to take place, members are requested to delegate powers to the Chief Executive to approve any consequential changes to the recommended appointments in consultation with the relevant Group Leader.

Appendix 1

Overview and Scrutiny Committee of 14

POLITICAL BALANCE ACROSS THE COUNTY as at 7th May 2021

	Total Seats	Vacancy	Conservative	Labour	St Neots Independent Group	Independent	Werrington First	Liberal Democrats	Green	Total	Entitlement 2021
CAMBRIDGESHIRE	2	0	28	9	2	2	0	20	0	61	1 Liberal Democrat, 1 Conservative
PETERBOROUGH	2	0	29	17	0	0	3	8	3	60	1 Labour, 1 Conservative
HUNTINGDONSHIRE	2	1	30	3	0	11	0	7	0	51	2 Conservatives
EAST CAMBS	2	0	15	0	0	2	0	11	0	28	1 Liberal Democrat, 1 Conservative
SOUTH CAMBS	2	0	11	2	0	1	0	31	0	45	2 Liberal Democrats
CAMBRIDGE CITY	2	0	0	27	0	1	0	12	2	42	2 Labour
FENLAND	2	0	26	0	0	10	0	2	1	39	2 Conservatives
TOTAL		1	139	58	2	27	3	91	6	326	
POLITICAL BALANCE %			46.49	19.40	0.67	0.00	1.00	30.43	2.01	100.00	
Committee seat allocation	14		6.51	2.72	0.09	0.00	0.14	4.26	0.28	14.00	
Seat allocation May 2021			7	3				4		14	

"Independent" Groups = 27

Subtract Independents from total (326) to get new total of 299

Green, St Neots and Werrington First included as registered with Electoral Commission

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Appendix 2

Audit and Governance Committee of 7 POLITICAL BALANCE ACROSS THE COUNTY as at 7 May 2021

	Total	Vacancy	Conservative	Labour	St Neots Independent Group	Independent	Werrington First	Liberal Democrats	Green	Total	Entitlement 2021/22
CAMBRIDGESHIRE	1	0	28	9	2	2	0	20	0	61	1 Lib Dem
PETERBOROUGH	1	0	29	17	0	0	3	8	3	60	1 Labour
HUNTINGDONSHIRE	1	1	30	3		11	0	7	0	51	1 Cons
EAST CAMBS	1	0	15	0	0	2	0	11	0	28	1 Cons
SOUTH CAMBS	1	0	11	2	0	1	0	31	0	45	1 Lib Dem
CAMBRIDGE CITY	1	0	0	27	0	1	0	12	2	42	1 Labour
FENLAND	1	0	26	0	0	10	0	2	1	39	1 Cons
TOTAL		1	139	58	2	0	3	91	6	326	
POLITICAL BALANCE %			46.49	19.40	0.67	0.00	0.92	30.43	2.01	99.92	
Committee seat allocation	7		3.25	1.36	0.05	0.00	0.06	2.13	0.14	6.99	
Seat allocation May 2021			3	2				2		7	

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