


Agenda Item No:	11	
Committee:	Council	
Date:	12 th May 2022	
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 2022/23.

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

- 3.1. To agree the appointments and nominations to the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority Board and Non-Executive Committees for the municipal year 2022/23 as set out at Appendices 1 and 2 of this Report (to be tabled).
- 3.2. To note the proposed nominations to the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority Executive Committees for the municipal year 2022/23 as set out at Appendix 3 of this Report (to be tabled).
- 3.3. 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.

Wards Affected	All
Forward Pan Reference	N/A
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Background papers	Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority Order 2017

4. COMBINED AUTHORITY BOARD APPOINTMENTS

- 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 2022/23.

5. OTHER APPOINTMENTS

5.1. Non-Executive Committees

5.1.1. 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.

5.1.2. 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.

5.1.2.1. Overview & Scrutiny Committee

5.1.2.2. 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.

5.1.2.3. The Council is required to nominate two members to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee for the municipal year 2022/23 based on the political balance set out in Appendix 1 to this Report (to be tabled).

5.1.2.4. **Audit & Governance Committee**

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

5.1.2.6. The Council is required to nominate one member sit on the Audit and Governance Committee for the municipal year 2022/23 based on the political balance set out in Appendix 2 to this Report (to be tabled).

5.1.2.7. **Substitutes**

5.1.2.8. 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 to maintain political balance.

5.1.2.9. For the Overview and Scrutiny Committee, if constituent councils have appointed members from the same political parties, 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.

5.2. Executive Committees

5.2.1. CPCA Board members are also invited, in consultation with the Mayor to make nominations to the executive committees of the Combined Authority which may include (with the exception of the Chair), another member from their constituent council. The Board member shall also nominate a named substitute member. The Council is therefore asked to note the proposed appointments to the Employment, Housing and Communities, Skills, Transport and Infrastructure Committees for the municipal year 2022/23 as set out in the Appendix 3 to this Report (to be tabled).

5.3. Consequential Changes

- 5.3.1.1. 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's Monitoring Officer will advise constituent councils if any subsequent changes have been necessary, and whether any changes need to be made to their nominations. It is recommended that the Chief Executive is given delegated authority to approve any consequential changes to these appointments in consultation with the relevant group leaders.

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 8th June 2022.
- 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 that took place on the 5th May 2022. However, there may be last minute changes in the lead up to constituent councils' annual meetings and Combined Authority's annual meeting on 8th June 2022.
- 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 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. The Council is requested to delegate powers to the Chief Executive to approve any consequential changes to these appointments in consultation with the relevant group leaders.

6. IMPLICATIONS

6.1. Financial Implications

In accordance with the CPCA Order 2017, no remuneration is payable by the Combined Authority to its members.

6.2. Legal Implications

The legal implications 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.

6.3. Equalities Implications

There are no equalities implications arising from this report.

7. APPENDICES

Appendix 1 – Overview and Scrutiny Committee political balance calculations.

Appendix 2 – Audit and Governance Committee political balance calculations.

Appendix 3 – proposed nominations to CPCA executive committees.

When tabled, accessible versions of the appendices are available on request from Democratic.Services@cambridgeshirepeterborough-ca.gov.uk and/or memberservices@fenland.gov.uk.

Appendix 1

Overview and Scrutiny Committee of 14
POLITICAL BALANCE ACROSS THE COUNTY as at 5 May 2022

	Total	Vacancy	Conservative	Labour	Liberal Democrats	Independent	Green	St. Neots Independent	Total (exc. Ind)	Entitlement
CAMBRIDGESHIRE	2		28	9	20	2		2	59	1 Con; 1 Lib Dem
CAMBRIDGE CITY	2			29	9	1	3		41	2 Lab
EAST CAMBS.	2		16		10	2			26	1 Con; 1 Lib Dem
FENLAND	2		27		2	9	1		30	2 Con
HUNTINGDONSHIRE	2		22	4	10	11	1	4	41	1 Con; 1 Lib Dem
PETERBOROUGH	2		28	17	8	4	3		56	1 Con; 1 Lab
SOUTH CAMBS.	2		8		37				45	2 Lib Dem
TOTAL	14	0	129	59	96	29	8	6	298	
POLITICAL BALANCE %			43.29	19.80	32.21		2.68	2.01		
Seat allocation			6	3	5	0	0	0	14	
Committee seat allocation	14		6.0606	2.772	4.5094	0	0.3752	0.2814		

Appendix 2

Audit and Governance Committee of Seven
POLITICAL BALANCE ACROSS THE COUNTY as at 5 May 2022

	Total	Vacancy	Conservative	Labour	Liberal Democrats	Independent	Green	St. Neots Independent	Total (exc. Ind)	Entitlement
CAMBRIDGESHIRE	1		28	9	20	2		2	59	1 Liberal Democrat
CAMBRIDGE CITY	1			29	9	1	3		41	1 Labour
EAST CAMBS.	1		16		10	2			26	1 Conservative
FENLAND	1		27		2	9	1		30	1 Conservative
HUNTINGDONSHIRE	1		22	4	10	11	1	4	41	1 Conservative
PETERBOROUGH	1		28	17	8	4	3		56	1 Labour
SOUTH CAMBS.	1		8		37				45	1 Liberal Democrat
TOTAL	7	0	129	59	96	29	8	6	298	
POLITICAL BALANCE %			43.29	19.80	32.21		2.68	2.01		
Seat allocation			3	2	2	0	0	0	7	
Committee seat allocation	7		3.0303	1.386	2.2547	0	0.1876	0.1407		

Appendix 3

Proposed Nominations to the CPCA Executive Committees

The Combined Authority	1 + 1 Substitute	Cllr Boden Substitute member Cllr Jan French	Conservative Party Representation
The Combined Authority Overview and Scrutiny Committee	2 + 2 Substitutes	Cllr Hay Cllr Miscandlon Substitute members Cllr Tierney 1 vacancy	Conservative Party Representation
The Combined Authority Audit and Governance Committee	1 + 1 Substitute	Cllr Benney Substitute member Cllr Hoy	Conservative Party Representation
The Combined Authority Employment Committee	1 +1 sub	Cllr Miss French Cllr Mrs Davis (substitute)	Conservative Party Representation
The Combined Authority Housing and Communities Committee	1+1 Sub	Cllr Boden Cllr Mrs Laws (substitute)	Conservative Party Representation
The Combined Authority Transport and Infrastructure Committee	1+1 Sub	Cllr Seaton Cllr Boden (substitute)	Conservative Party Representation
The Combined Authority Skills Committee	1+1 Sub	Cllr Seaton Cllr Mason (substitute)	Conservative Party Representation