

ANNUAL COUNCIL	AGENDA ITEM No. 10
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APPOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEES AND OTHER BODIES

R E C O M M E N D A T I O N S
FROM : Director of Governance
<p>It is recommended that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Where the allocation to different political groups of the seats on committees and other bodies has been determined under Agenda Item 10, that Council <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) make appointments to those Committees so as to give effect to the wishes about who is to be appointed to the seats on each Committee which are allocated to a particular political group as are expressed by that group (Appendix 1 - document to be tabled); (ii) in respect of any appointments to be made other than under (a) above, appoints the Monitoring Officer as Proper Officer to be authorised to carry out the wishes of the Leaders of the Political Groups in allocating members to each Committee; and (iii) appoints those Members with effect from the date at which the Proper Officer is advised of the names of such Members; (b) The Chair and Vice-Chair of each of the Council’s Committees be appointed (Appendix 1 – document to be tabled); and (c) The membership of elected and non-elected members of committees, as described at paragraphs 4.1 to 4.6, be confirmed (d) To confirm the appointment to outside organisations.

1. PURPOSE AND REASON FOR REPORT

1.1 In accordance with the constitution, full Council must appoint the members and to the Chair and Vice-Chair of non-executive Committees.

2. BACKGROUND

2.1 The Council must decide which Councillors to appoint as the Chair and Vice-Chair of its Committees at its annual meeting.

2.3 The Council must also note which Councillors should be appointed to which of its Committees at its annual meeting.

2.4 Other member appointments are to be made as allocated to political groups and as described in the report to item number 9 of this meeting’s agenda.

3. APPOINTMENTS

- 3.1 The wishes of a particular political group(s) are to be expressed at the meeting.

4. NON COUNCILLOR COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

- 4.1 The Council is required under the Parent Governor Representative (England) Regulations 2001 to appoint parent governor representatives to any scrutiny committee which considers education issues. Schedule 1 (paragraph 7) of the Local Government Act 2000 similarly requires that the Church of England and Roman Catholic churches may each nominate a co-opted member with voting rights and the Council may appoint other faith representatives without voting rights. (The voting rights of the faith and parent governor representatives only apply when the Scrutiny Committee is considering educational matters; for other issues the co-opted members may participate in the debate but not vote).

- 4.2 Within the structure, education matters are discussed at the Creating Opportunities and Tackling Inequalities Scrutiny Committee. All of the education co-opted members need to be formal members of this Committee, with voting rights for education matters.

- 4.3 The education co-opted members for the year will be:

Miranda Robinson, Peterborough Diocesan Board of Education;
Paul Rossi, Roman Catholic Church, Diocese of East Anglia;
Peter Thompson, Parent Governor Representative;
Vacancy, Parent Governor Representative;
Tricia Pritchard, Diocese of Ely;
Julie O'Connor, Roman Catholic Diocese of East Anglia (sub for Paul Rossi).
Alistair Kingsley, Independent Co-opted Member
Vacancy - Non-voting Muslim representative

- 4.4 The Council is required under the Localism Act 2011 to appoint at least one independent person of the Council. The role of the Independent Person is to oversee the process for dealing with allegations that a member has breached the Member's Code of Conduct.

- 4.5 The Independent Person for the year will be:

Gillian Holmes, Independent Person of the Council

- 4.6 The Health and Wellbeing Board has appointed to it certain post holders under the Board's terms of reference. In addition the Audit Committee has appointed Independent Persons. These appointments are either subject to statutory regulation or are delegated under the Council's Constitution to the Committee concerned.

5. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

There are no background papers used to prepare this report that are not otherwise published.