

ANNUAL COUNCIL	AGENDA ITEM No. 9
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APPOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEES

RECOMMENDATIONS
FROM : Director of Governance
<p>It is recommended that Council:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Agrees the appointments those Committee where the allocation of the seats has been determined under Agenda Item 8 (Appendix 1 – to be tabled); (b) Appoints the Chair and Vice-Chair of each of the Council’s Committees (Appendix 1 – to be tabled); (c) Confirms the non-elected membership of committees, as described at paragraphs 4.1 to 4.7; (d) Authorises the Monitoring Officer as Proper Officer, in respect of any other appointments to be made, to carry out the wishes of the Leaders of the Political Groups in allocating members to committees, and appoints those Members with effect from the date at which the Proper Officer is advised of the names of such Members.

1. PURPOSE AND REASON FOR REPORT

- 1.1 In accordance with the constitution, Council must appoint the members, and the Chair and Vice-Chair of non-executive Committees.
- 1.2 This report requests the Council to:
 - (a) Receive nominations from political groups and make appointments to committees;
 - (b) Appoint the Chairs and Vice Chairs of Committees; and
 - (c) Approve the non-Councillor committee appointments.

2. APPOINTMENTS

- 2.1 The Council must also note which Councillors should be appointed to each of its Committees at its Annual meeting.
- 2.2 Appointments should be made in accordance with the seats allocated to political groups as described in item 8 of this meeting’s agenda.
- 2.3 The list of available appointments has been circulated to the political groups and the wishes of each group is to be confirmed at the Annual meeting.

3. CHAIRS AND VICE-CHAIRS

- 3.1 The Council must decide which Councillors to appoint as the Chair and Vice-Chair of its Committees at its annual 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. (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 Children and Education 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:

Liz Youngman, Peterborough Diocesan Board of Education
Flavio Vettese, (Deputy Director of Schools), Roman Catholic Church, Diocese of East Anglia
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Julie O'Connor, Roman Catholic Diocese of East Anglia (sub for Flavio Vettese)
Miranda Robinson, Peterborough Diocesan Board of Education (sub for Liz Youngman)
Alistair Kingsley, Independent Co-opted Member (Non-voting)

- 4.4 Under their Terms of Reference, as agreed by Council, Scrutiny Committee may co-opt up to three additional Members. In January 2017 the Scrutiny Committees appointed the following non-voting Independent Co-opted Members for the remainder of 2016/2017 and the municipal year 2017/2018:

Health Scrutiny Committee – Parish Councillor Henry Clark
Health Scrutiny Committee – Parish Councillor Jason Merrill (sub for Henry Clark)
Adults and Communities Scrutiny Committee – Parish Councillor Neil Boyce
Children and Education Scrutiny Committee – Parish Councillor Susie Lucas
Children and Education Scrutiny Committee – Parish Councillor Margaret Palmer (sub for Susie Lucas)
Growth, Environment, and Resources Scrutiny Committee – Parish Councillor Keith Lievesley
Growth, Environment, and Resources Scrutiny Committee – Parish Councillor Richard Clarke

- 4.5 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.

- 4.6 The Independent Person for the year will be:

Gillian Holmes, Independent Person of the Council

- 4.7 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. IMPLICATIONS

5.1 Financial Comments: There are no direct financial consequences.

5.2 Legal Comments: There are no implications arising from this report.

6. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

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

7. APPENDICES

Appendix 1 - Committee Membership/Chairs and Vice Chairs (to be tabled)

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