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APPOINTMENTS AND NOMINATIONS TO OTHER AUTHORITIES

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| R E C O M M E N D A T I O N |
| FROM : Director of Governance |
| <p>It is recommended that Council make the following appointments or nominations for the municipal year 2017/2018, in line with the political balance set out in Appendix 1:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) appoint the Leader of Council to act as the Council's appointee to the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority and one substitute member; (b) nominate two members to the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority Overview and Scrutiny Committee, and two substitute members from the same political parties as those appointed; (c) nominate one member to the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority Audit and Governance Committee and one substitute member from the same political party; (d) appoint three members to the Police and Crime Panel; (e) appoint four members to the Fire Authority; and (f) that the Monitoring Officer as Proper Officer be authorised to make any amendments to the appointments and nominations in consultation with the Political Group Leaders, if the political balance is amended by the Combined Authority, Police and Crime Panel, or Fire Authority between now and the next Council meeting. |

1. PURPOSE AND REASON FOR REPORT

- 1.1 This report requests the Council to make appointments to the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority, Police and Crime Panel, and Fire Authority for the municipal year 2017/2018.

2. CAMBRIDGESHIRE AND PETERBOROUGH COMBINED AUTHORITY

- 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. Each Council made these appointments at its respective Council meeting in November 2016 for the 2016/17 municipal year. The Council is now asked to appoint a member and substitute member for the municipal year 2017/18.

Non-Executive Committees

- 2.2 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 Committee. The Order sets out the rules for membership. The membership of the Overview and Scrutiny and the Audit 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.
- 2.3 On 4 May 2017, there were local elections for the County Council, a number of by-elections in other councils, and some independent groups have formed political parties. The Combined Authority has reviewed the political balance on constituent councils and has requested constituent councils to make the following appointments to these committees.

Overview and Scrutiny Committee

- 2.4 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. In February 2017, the Council nominated two members to the Committee for the remainder of the municipal year 2016/17.
- 2.5 The implications of applying political proportionality to a fourteen member Overview and Scrutiny Committee are detailed in Appendix 1.
- 2.6 The Council is required to nominate two members (one from Conservative Party and one from the Labour Party) to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee for the municipal year 2017/18 based on the political balance in Appendix 1.

Audit and Governance Committee

- 2.7 The Combined Authority agreed to establish an Audit and Governance Committee consisting of seven constituent members: one member from each constituent council.
- 2.8 The implications of applying political proportionality to a seven member Audit and Governance Committee are detailed in Appendix 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 2017/18 based on the political balance set out in Appendix 2.

Substitute members

- 2.9 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.
- 2.10 For the Overview and Scrutiny Committee, if constituent councils have appointed members from the same political parties, ie 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.

Conclusion

- 2.11 All appointments and nominations made by constituent councils will be reported to the Combined Authority's annual meeting on 31 May.

- 2.11 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 Cambridgeshire County Council and any by elections of other councils. However, there may be last minute changes in the lead up to constituent councils' annual meetings and Combined Authority's annual meeting on 31 May.
- 2.12 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.
- 2.13 If there is no provision in constituent council's standing orders, the Council may wish to consider giving delegated powers for the Chief Executive to approve any consequential changes to these appointments in consultation with the relevant Party Group leaders. (Amend as necessary)

3. CAMBRIDGESHIRE POLICE AND CRIME PANEL

- 3.1 (3 members – as determined by the political make-up across the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Authority Areas when taken together, identified in Appendix 1) – established by the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011. There are 13 seats on the Cambridgeshire Police and Crime Panel.
- 3.2 The new Policing and Crime Act 2017 places a duty on police, fire and rescue and ambulance services to collaborate, and enables Police and Crime Commissioners (“Commissioner”) to take on responsibility for the governance of fire and rescue services. Commissioners will be enabled to seek responsibility for their local Fire Authority where a local case is made to the Secretary of State. The Commissioner and the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Fire Authority are working in the spirit of collaboration on such a Business Case. This may impact on the duties and term of office of Fire Authority members during 2017/18.

4. CAMBRIDGESHIRE AND PETERBOROUGH FIRE AUTHORITY

- 4.1 There are 17 seats on the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Fire Authority, 4 of which are allocated to Peterborough City Council representatives and 13 of which are allocated to Cambridgeshire County Council representatives. The seats are allocated on a proportionate basis, identified in Appendix 1.

5. IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 Financial: In accordance with the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority Order 2017, no remuneration is to be payable by the Combined Authority to its members.
- 5.2 Legal: These 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. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

- 6.1 [Policing and Crime Act 2017](#)
- 6.2 Council Minutes – 17 November 2016 and 25 January 2017

7. APPENDICES

- 7.1 **Appendix 1** – Seat Allocation on Other Authorities
- 7.1 **Appendix 2** – Appointments and Nominations to Other Authorities (to be tabled)

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