



Report of:	Meeting	Date	Item no.
The Leader of the Council (Cllr Peter Gibson) and the Chief Executive (Garry Payne)	Annual Council	11 May 2017	8

### Appointments to Committees, Panels and Groups 2017/18

#### 1. Purpose of report

- 1.1 To enable Members to be appointed to the Council's Committees and other Panels and Groups for the 2017/18 Council Year.

#### 2. Outcomes

- 2.1 Effective arrangements to carry out the Council's non-executive decision making and advisory functions.

#### 3. Recommendations

- 3.1 That the appointments to Committees, Panels and Groups for 2017/18 as set out in Appendix 1 be approved.
- 3.2 That Councillor Berry is re-appointed as the Wyre Council representative on the Police and Crime Panel for Lancashire for 2017/18.
- 3.3 That, if confirmation is received that an additional Conservative representative from a District Council is required on the Police and Crime Panel for Lancashire for 2017/18, Councillor Gibson be nominated to fill that position.

#### 4. Background

- 4.1 The Council Procedure Rules in Part 4 of the Constitution require that: *"At the Annual Meeting, the Council will appoint at least one Overview and Scrutiny Committee, a Standards Committee and such other Committees as the Council considers appropriate to deal with matters, which are neither reserved to the Council, nor are Executive functions (as set out in Part 3 of the Constitution)."*

**4.2** Section 15 of the Local Government and Housing Act requires that the allocation of places on non-executive Committees of the Council must be allocated on the following criteria:

- (a) that all seats on a body are not allocated to the same Political Group;
- (b) that the majority of seats on a body is allocated to a particular Political Group, if the number of persons belonging to that Group is the majority of the Authority's membership;
- (c) subject to paragraphs (a) and (b) above, that the number of seats on the ordinary Committees of a relevant Authority which are allocated to each Political Group bears the same proportion to the total of all the seats on the ordinary Committees of that Authority;
- (d) subject to paragraphs (a) - (c) above, that the number of seats on a body which are allocated to each Political Group bears the same proportion to the number of all seats on that body as is borne by the number of members of that Group in membership of the Authority.

**4.3** Places on the committees, and also the panels and other groups currently established by the Council, as listed in Appendix 1, have been allocated on the basis of calculations made under the political balance rules set out above. However, the position is currently complicated because of the two vacancies on the Council following the resignation of Councillor Reeves and the death of Councillor T Taylor. A by-election is to be held in Bourne Ward, Thornton-Cleveleys on 4 May, i.e. after this report has been written, but before the date of the Annual Meeting. If the Labour candidate is elected to the Bourne Ward seat, it will have no significant impact on the political balance calculations and the allocation of seats set out in Appendix 1 will remain correct. But, if the Conservative candidate is elected in Bourne Ward, it would have a small impact on the allocation of seats overall and either another of the 14 Member Committees on which there is currently a 10-4 floor split would have to be split 11-3 (in addition to the Audit Committee) or, the Standards Committee, which is a 6 Member Committee, currently split 4-2, would have to be split 5-1. If that situation arises, the Party Group Leaders will be consulted before the Annual Meeting on where the adjustments can best be made and they will be invited to submit revised nominations. A date for a by-election to fill the vacancy in Rossall Ward, Fleetwood has not yet been fixed, but a further report will be submitted to the first Council meeting after it has taken place.

**4.4** No appointments are to be made to the former Wyre 3 Tier Forum because it has not met for about two years and has effectively been disbanded by the County Council. If any proposals emerge to re-establish a similar or alternative consultative forum, a report will be submitted to a future Council meeting.

**4.5** No changes are proposed to the roles or the terms of reference of any of the other Committees, panels or other groups.

**4.6** Each council in Lancashire appoints one representative to the Police and Crime Panel (PCP), which is established as a formal Joint Committee of the 15 local authorities for the Lancashire police force area. The terms of reference of the Panel are set out under Responsibilities for Joint Functions in Part 3.04 of the Council's Constitution. Councillor Berry was appointed at the Annual Council meeting last year as the Wyre Council representative on the Panel for 2016/17. At the Council meeting on 7 July 2016, Cllr Gibson was nominated as a second representative and was subsequently appointed as a member of the PCP, to ensure that the required political balance of the Panel was achieved. It is anticipated that the same situation might arise this year. The Annual Meeting of the PCP is due to be held on 12 June 2017.

## **5. Key issues and proposals**

**5.1** The proposals set out in Appendix 1 reflect nominations made by the Leader of the Conservative Group. The Leader of the Labour Group has proposed that the existing Labour Members on the Planning Committee be re-appointed, with the addition of Cllr Lees to fill the current vacancy, so that its' members can attend the Planning Committee meeting on 7 June. No other nominations have yet been submitted because the Labour Party's national rules apparently prevent an annual meeting of the local Labour Group, at which such nominations are agreed, being held until after the General Election on 8 June.

<b>Financial and legal implications</b>	
Finance	None arising directly from this report.
Legal	The proposals in this report are in accordance with legal requirements, as referred to in section 4 of this report.

### **Other risks/implications: checklist**

If there are significant implications arising from this report on any issues marked with a ✓ below, the report author will have consulted with the appropriate specialist officers on those implications and addressed them in the body of the report. There are no significant implications arising directly from this report, for those issues marked with a x.

<b>implications</b>	<b>✓ / x</b>
community safety	x
equality and diversity	x
sustainability	x
health and safety	x

<b>risks/implications</b>	<b>✓ / x</b>
asset management	x
climate change	x
data protection	x

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<b>List of background papers:</b>		
<b>name of document</b>	<b>date</b>	<b>where available for inspection</b>
None	-	-

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Appendix 1: Nominations to Committees, Panels and Groups 2017/18

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## **APPENDIX 1**

### **NOMINATIONS TO COMMITTEES 2017/18** (Updated version 10/5/17)

#### **OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE (14)**

Conservative Councillors (11)\*\* Michael Vincent (Chairman)\*, I Amos, Jones (Vice Chairman)\*, R Amos, C Birch, Ellison, Hodgkinson, Ibison, Ormrod, Robinson and Matthew Vincent.

Labour Councillors (3)\*\* E Anderton, Fail, Smith.

#### **AUDIT COMMITTEE (14)**

Conservative Councillors (11)\*\* McKay (Chairman)\*, A Turner (Vice Chairman)\*, R Amos, Ballard, Balmain, Greenhough, Holden, Ingham, Moon, Walmsley and Wilson.

Labour Councillors (3)\*\* E Anderton, Barrowclough and Fail.

#### **EMPLOYMENT AND APPEALS COMMITTEE (10)**

Conservative Councillors (7) A Turner (Chairman)\*, Robinson (Vice-Chairman)\*, R Amos, B Birch, Bridge, Holden, and Wilson

Labour Councillors (3) I Duffy, R Duffy, Shewan.

#### **PLANNING COMMITTEE (14)**

Conservative Councillors (10) Greenhough (Chairman)\*, S Turner (Vice Chairman)\*, I Amos, R Amos, Ballard, Holden, Ingham, Jones, Moon and Orme.

Labour Councillors (4) Lees, Shewan, B Stephenson and E Stephenson.

#### **LICENSING COMMITTEE (14)**

Conservative Councillors (10) Bridge (Chairman)\*, C Birch, Catterall, Ormrod, Pimbley, Robinson, A Turner, Matthew Vincent, Walmsley and Wilson.

Labour Councillors (4) M Anderton, Barrowclough, Lees, Smith.

#### **STANDARDS COMMITTEE (6)**

Conservative Councillors (4) B Birch (Chairman)\*, I Amos, Moon, Michael Vincent.

Labour Councillors (2) M Anderton, Lees.

## **SENIOR OFFICERS APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE (4)**

Conservative Councillors (3) Gibson, A Vincent and Murphy.

Labour Councillors (1) Beavers.

## **APPOINTMENTS TO PANELS AND GROUPS 2017/18**

### **COUNCILLOR DEVELOPMENT GROUP** (12) (including 1 Cabinet Member)

A Cabinet Member Cllr Murphy (Chairman) \*

Conservative Councillors (8) C Birch, Holden, Jones, Kay, A. Turner, S. Turner, Matthew Vincent, Walmsley.

Labour Councillors (3) Smith, B. Stephenson, E. Stephenson.

### **PLANNING POLICY GROUP** (12) + Planning and Economic Development Portfolio Holder & Chairman & Vice-Chairman of Planning Committee

The Planning and Economic Development Portfolio Holder Cllr Murphy

The Chairman of the Planning Committee Cllr Greenhough (Chairman)\* (if reappointed as Chairman of the Planning Committee)

Vice-Chairman of the Planning Committee Cllr S Turner (if reappointed as Vice-Chairman of the Planning Committee)

Plus 12 Councillors (ideally including 2 Councillors from each of the areas identified in the Local Plan, i.e. Fleetwood, Thornton, Cleveleys, Poulton, Rural East and Rural West) and including at least 2 opposition Councillors.

Conservative Councillors (9) I Amos, Lady Atkins, Ballard (Vice-Chairman)\*, B Birch, Ingham, Jones, Moon, Pimbley, Robinson

Labour Councillors (3) I Duffy, R Duffy, Fail.

**Note:** \* The appointment of Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen is subject to confirmation at the first meeting of each of the Committees, Panels and Groups.

\*\* Adjusted to ensure that the allocation of the total number of places on all committees complies with the political balance rules (as set out in paragraph 4.2 of this report).