

## APPOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEES AND POLITICAL BALANCE

### REPORT TO FULL COUNCIL



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#### PURPOSE

1. To consider nominations for and appoint to the position of the Vice-chair of the Audit and Standards Committee for the remainder of the municipal year, with effect from the ordinary Full Council meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> December 2022, following the decision taken by Full Council at its meeting on 28<sup>th</sup> September that the positions of Chair and Vice-Chair of the Committee should not be held either by a member of the Executive, or the Scrutiny Chair. This would allow the committee to comply with CIPFA Position Statement 2022: Audit Committees in Local Authorities and Police.
2. To note the impact on the political balance of the Council and approve consequential appointments to membership of committees following the election of Councillor Bill Horrocks as ward councillor for Rosehill with Burnley Wood ward.

#### RECOMMENDATION

3. That Council receives nominations for the position of Vice-chair of the Audit and Standards Committee and makes an appointment to the position, for the remainder of the current municipal year, with effect from the ordinary Full Council meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> December 2022.
4. That Council notes the change in the Political Balance of the Council following the election of Cllr Bill Horrocks as ward councillor for Rosehill with Burnley Ward; AND approves the consequential changes to Committees submitted by the relevant political groups.

#### REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

5. To comply with CIPFA Position Statement 2022: Audit Committees in Local Authorities and Police which strongly recommends that Audit Committees should be independent of both the executive and the scrutiny functions.
6. To ensure that committee seats are politically balanced as required by the Local Government and Housing Act 1989, and appointments are up to date.

## SUMMARY OF KEY POINTS

### 7. Vice-chair of the Audit and Standards Committee

Full Council is being asked to consider nominations for and appoint to the position of the Vice-chair of the Audit and Standards Committee for the remainder of the municipal year, with effect from the ordinary Full Council meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> December 2022. This follows the decision by Full Council on 28<sup>th</sup> September that the positions of Chair and Vice-Chair of the Committee should not be held either by a member of the Executive, or the Scrutiny Chair. This would allow the council to comply with CIPFA Position Statement 2022: Audit Committees in Local Authorities and Police, which strongly recommends that Audit Committees should be independent of both the executive and the scrutiny functions.

The council is not currently considered to comply with the Position Statement as Councillor Howard Baker is Chair of the Scrutiny Committee and Vice-chair of the Audit and Standards Committee.

Group Leaders have been requested to submit nominations for the position of the Vice-chair of the Audit and Standards Committee from the existing membership of the committee by 3:00pm on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2022.

Full Council is requested to make an appointment.

### 8. Appointment to Committees

Councillor Bill Horrocks was elected on 10<sup>th</sup> November as a ward councillor for Rosehill with Burnley Wood ward. He is a member of the Labour Group.

The Political Balance has been calculated in line with the requirements of the Local Government & Housing Act 1989 and follows in Appendix 1.

The net changes are as follows:

<b>Committee</b>	<b>Change required</b>
Scrutiny	Cons -1, BPIP +1
Development Control	Green -1, Labour +1
Licensing	BPIP -1, Green +1
Audit and Standards	LD -1, Cons +1

Group Leaders have been contacted and asked to confirm the members to be removed and added by 3:00pm on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2022. The proposed changes will be incorporated into a revised Appendix 1 and published in advance of the meeting.

## **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS AND BUDGET PROVISION**

9. None.

## **POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

10. None.

## **DETAILS OF CONSULTATION**

11. Member Structures Officer Group.  
Member Structures Working Group.

## **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

12. Minutes of Full Council meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> September 2022.

## **FURTHER INFORMATION**

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