

Appointments to Committees

REPORT TO FULL COUNCIL



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PURPOSE

1. To consider the appointments to Committees for the remainder of the 2017/18 Municipal Year.

RECOMMENDATION

2. That the appointments to committees for 2017/18 be approved. (nominations to be circulated at the meeting).

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

3. To comply with legislation and to ensure that the Council continues to have an effective decision making structure.

SUMMARY OF KEY POINTS

4. Councillors Charlie Briggs; Neil Mottershead; Mark Payne and Christine White have resigned from the Liberal Democrat Group and formed the Burnley and Padiham Independent Group.

As required by the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 the Council has to apply a political balance to its committees.

There are 57 seats on statutory committees and they are allocated to each Group as follows

Labour 36 seats; Liberal Democrat 8; Conservative 5;
Burnley and Padiham Independent 5 and Free Independent 3:

The result being that a number of changes are required to the membership of committees. Nominations for seats are being sought from those groups effected by the new political balance. These will be circulated at the meeting of the Council on 22nd November and Members will be asked to approve the nominations. Where there are any

contested seats they will be decided by Full Council.

a. Scrutiny Committee (17)

(Lab 10: Lib Dem 3: Cons 2 or 1: BP Ind 2 or 1: Free Ind: 1)

Nominations are sought from the Liberal Democrat, Conservative and Burnley and Padiham Independent Groups. There are 3 seats to be shared between the Conservative and Burnley and Padiham Independent Groups.

No changes are required from the Labour or Free Independent Groups.

b. Development Control Committee (16)

(Lab 10: Lib Dem 2 : Cons 2 or 1: BP Ind 2 or 1: Free Ind 1)

Nominations are sought from the Liberal Democrat, Conservative and Burnley and Padiham Independent Groups. There are 3 seats to be shared between the Conservative and Burnley and Padiham Independent Groups.

No changes are required from the Labour or Free Independent Groups.

c. Licensing Committee (15)

(Lab 10: Lib Dem 2; Cons 1: BP Ind 1:Free Ind 1)

Nominations are sought from the Liberal Democrat, Conservative and Burnley and Padiham Independent Groups.

No changes are required from the Labour or Free Independent Groups.

d. Audit and Standards (9)

(Lab 6: Lib Dem 1: Cons 1: Burnley and Padiham Independent 1:)

Nominations are sought from the Liberal Democrat, Conservative and Burnley and Padiham Independent Groups.

No changes are required from the Labour or Free Independent Groups.

e. Members Structures Support Working Group (12)

(Lab 7: Lib Dem 2: Cons 1: Burnley and Padiham Ind 1: Free Ind 1:)

This is a non-statutory group but it has been custom and practice to apply the political balance calculation.

Nominations are sought from the Liberal Democrat, Conservative and Burnley and Padiham Independent Groups.

No changes are required from the Labour or Free Independent Groups.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS AND BUDGET PROVISION
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5. There will be a budget implication of £1625 as the allowance to the Burnley and Padiham Independent Group Leader which will be met out of this year's underspend and added as a growth item in future years.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

6. None

DETAILS OF CONSULTATION

7. Group Leaders

BACKGROUND PAPERS

8. None

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