

Appointments to Committees, Working Groups and Outside Bodies**REPORT TO FULL COUNCIL**

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PURPOSE

1. To consider changes to appointments to Committees and Outside Bodies for the remainder of the 2018/19 Municipal Year as a result of a change in the political balance of the Council.
2. To consider appointments of a parish council co-optee and two independent co-optees to the Audit and Standards Committee; and
3. To consider the appointment of the Independent Persons to the Council under the Localism Act 2011

RECOMMENDATION

4. That Full Council is recommended to make the following appointments for the remainder of the 2018/19 Municipal Year-;
 - (a) Councillor Margaret Brindle as the Labour member on the Scrutiny Committee and , the Development Control Committee to replace Councillor Margaret Brindle as the Free Independent member on those Committees;
 - (b) Councillor Margaret Brindle as Vice Chair of the Scrutiny Committee;
 - (c) Councillor Margaret Brindle as the Labour member on the Member Structures and Support Working Group;
 - (d) Councillor Bill Brindle as the Labour member on the Audit and Standards Committee to replace Councillor Tom Commis as the UKIP member;
 - (e) Councillor Tom Commis as the UKIP member on the Licensing Committee to replace Councillor Bill Brindle as the Free Independent Member; and
 - (f) Councillor Margaret Brindle as a Scrutiny member to the LCC Health Scrutiny Committee
 - (g) That Gillian Smith be appointed as the Parish Council co-optee; and Paul Prior, Director of Finance and Resources, Burnley College and Louise Gaskell, Director Finance and Policy, East Lancs Chamber of Commerce be appointed as the independent co-optees to the Audit and Standards Committee for three years to July 2021; and
 - (h) That Mohammed Usman Khan and Patricia Higginbottom be appointed as Independent Persons under the Section 28(7) of the Localism Act for three years to July 2021.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

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

SUMMARY OF KEY POINTS

6. Councillors Bill Brindle and Margaret Brindle have joined the Labour Group and the Free Independent Group on Burnley Council no longer exists. This requires the Council to recalculate the political balance of the Council and the number of seats allocated to each Group is now as follows:

Labour 27 seats; Liberal Democrat 5; Conservative 5; Burnley and Padiham Independent 4; UKIP 2; Independent 1; Green 1;

The result being that a number of changes are required to the membership of committees as follows.

The Labour Group gain one seat on Scrutiny, Development Control and the Audit and Standards Committees.

The UKIP group lose one seat on Audit and Standards and gain one seat on the Licensing Committee.

Other appointments that arise out the change in political balance are;

- (i) The position of Vice Chair of Scrutiny allocated to Councillor Margaret Brindle as an opposition Free Independent member.
- (ii) The position on the Member Structures and Support Working Group allocated to of the Free Independent Group Leader;
- (iii) The appointment to the outside body LCC Health Scrutiny Committee allocated to Councillor Margaret Brindle as a Free Independent member.

7. The appointment of two independent co-optees to the Audit and Standards Committee are required. Louise Gaskell has served on the committee for several years and has expertise in audit matters, she has indicated her willingness to serve a further three year term. Paul Prior has replaced the former co-optee Colin Crowther as the Director of Finance and Resources at Burnley College and has expressed his willingness to replace his predecessor on the committee. The parish representative Gill Smith, Cliviger Parish Council has also indicated that she would be willing to serve a further three year term of office. The Audit and Standards Committee have been consulted on the appointments and recommend them to Council.
8. Both Mohammed Khan and Patricia Higginbotham have a number of years' experience as the Independent Persons to the Council and have indicated that they wish to continue in their roles.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS AND BUDGET PROVISION

9. The members allowance scheme 2018/19 will cover any financial changes required by this

report.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

10. None

DETAILS OF CONSULTATION

11. Member Structures and Support Working Group. Audit and Standards Committee.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

12. None

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