

Meeting of the Full Council
Meeting to be held on Thursday, 24 May 2018

Report submitted by: Head of Legal and Democratic Services

Part A

Electoral Division affected:
None;

Membership of Committees and Related Appointments for 2018/19
(Annex 1 refers)

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Executive Summary

Membership of Committees and related appointments for 2018/19.

Recommendation

Full Council is asked to consider and:

- (i) Approve the Constitution and Membership of the Committees of the county council for 2018/19, as set out at a) below.
- (ii) Note the review of political balances on committees and approve that the Liberal Democrat and Independent groups be invited to agree the allocation of the 9 available committee seats between them.
- (iii) Approve the appointment of Chairs and Deputy Chairs of those Committees for 2018/19, as set out at b) below.
- (iv) Approve the disestablishment of the Employment Appeals Committee, as set out at c) below.
- (v) Note the appointment of David Owen to the Lancashire Local Pension Board as a Scheme Member representative, as set out at d) below.

Background and Advice

a) Constitution and Membership of Committees of the County Council for 2018/19

Full Council is required to approve the Constitution and Membership of committees in accordance with the political balance rules set out in the Local Government and Housing Act 1989.

This means that the makeup of each committee must reflect the proportions of seats held on the Full Council by each political group.

In September 2017, following a number of changes to group membership on the council, a request was received for a review of the political balance of committees. This review was deferred until all seats on the council had been filled through by-elections.

The balance on the Council for the municipal year 2018/19 is:

Conservative Group: 45 seats
Labour Group: 30 seats
Liberal Democrat Group: 4 seats
Independent Group: 4 seats
Other members: 1 seat

The Conservative Group have therefore lost one seat since the last political balance calculations, and the Independent Group has gained one.

This does not change the overall number of seats on committees allocated to the Conservative or Labour Groups, nor the overall number allocated to the two smaller groups. However, as the two smaller groups are now equal in size, consideration needs to be given to the allocation of seats between them.

There are 9 seats available on committees to be split between the Liberal Democrat and Independent groups. It is proposed that Full Council note the position and approve that the two groups affected be asked to agree the allocation of those 9 seats.

The composition of each committee, in line with these rules, is set out at Annex 1. Nominations for membership are to be made in writing by the respective political groups to the Director of Corporate Services.

b) Appointment of Chairs and Deputy Chairs of Committees for 2018/19

The Constitution required that the county council must, at its Annual Meeting, consider the appointment of various Chairs and Deputy Chairs of committees for the following year.

Full Council is therefore asked to consider the appointment of members to the positions of Chair and Deputy Chair of the following committees for 2018/19:

- Urgency
- Scrutiny
- External Services Scrutiny
- Children's Services Scrutiny
- Health Scrutiny
- Education Scrutiny
- Development Control
- Regulatory

- Audit, Risk and Governance
- Pension Fund
- Corporate Complaints
- Student Support Appeals
- Employment
- Conduct
- Lancashire Health and Wellbeing Board

c) Employment Appeals Committee

The Employment Appeals Committee was established specifically to determine appeals against dismissal which may have been submitted by senior officers following the recruitment to the council's new senior management structure approved by Cabinet on 14 September 2017. Following the implementation of the new management structure, it is now considered that the committee is no longer required.

d) Lancashire Local Pension Board

Full Council is asked to note the appointment of David Owen as a Scheme Member representative to the Lancashire Local Pension Board. This appointment follows a robust recruitment and selection process and has been approved by the Pension Fund Committee.

Consultations

N/A

Implications:

This item has the following implications, as indicated:

Risk management

It is a statutory requirement that the Full Council must approve political group balance allocations on Committees and the county council's Standing Orders require the appointment of Chairs and Deputy Chairs of Committees.

Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985

List of Background Papers

	Date	Contact/Tel
Paper		

N/A

Reason for inclusion in Part II, if appropriate

N/A