

RIBBLE VALLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL REPORT TO EMERGENCY COMMITTEE

Agenda Item No. 2

meeting date: 10 AUGUST 2020
title: CHANGES TO COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS
submitted by: CHIEF EXECUTIVE
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1 PURPOSE

- 1.1 To appoint a new Chairman and Vice Chairman to the Community Services Committee and recalculate political balance following the deaths of two Councillors and decide upon subsequent membership of committees.
- 1.2 Relevance to the Council's ambitions and priorities:
 - Community Objectives – N/A
 - Corporate Priorities – To be a well-managed Council
 - Other Considerations – N/A

2 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The Council appoints its Chairs, Vice Chairs and membership of committees at the Annual Council meeting each year in May.
- 2.2 If, due to unforeseen circumstances, the present Chair or Vice Chair is unable to fulfil these duties, then a successor must be appointed.
- 2.3 In the case of the sad occurrence of a councillor passing away, then political balance must be recalculated, where a by-election will not be held immediately and membership on committees should be adjusted accordingly.
- 2.4 Representation on outside bodies should also be amended if necessary.

3 ISSUES

- 3.1 The current Chair of the Community Services Committee has requested that he be relieved of his duties as Chair due to personal circumstances. It is therefore proposed that the current Vice Chair, Councillor Richard Newmark take up that position for the remainder of the municipal year 2020/21 and that Councillor Louise Edge be appointed as his Vice Chair with immediate effect.
- 3.2 By virtue of the Coronavirus Act 2020 and The Local Government and Police and Crime Commissioner (Coronavirus)(Postponement of Elections and Referendums)(England and Wales) Regulations 2020 the by-election will not currently take place, and the vacancy will be held open until the by-election takes place. The 2020 regulations provide for the by-election to take place on the date for the Ordinary Election of Councillors due

to be held on Thursday 6 May 2021. However, this date may be brought forward or deferred by the Government depending upon the circumstances. Any election that is in due course called will be duly publicised as required by law.”

3.3 The re-calculated political balance and proposed allocation of seats is shown at Appendix A

3.4 The proposed new membership of committees is shown at Appendix B

3.5 Representation on Langho Football Club outside body will also need to be amended.

4 RISK ASSESSMENT

4.1 The approval of this report may have the following implications:

- Resources – the cost of administering the committees is included in the current budgets.
- Technical, Environmental and Legal – the appointments will ensure the continued smooth running of the Council’s committees.
- Political – no implications identified
- Reputation – no implications identified
- Equality & Diversity – no implications identified

5 **RECOMMENDED THAT COMMITTEE**

5.1 Agree to appoint Councillor Richard Newmark as Chair of Community Services committee and Councillor Louise Edge as the Vice Chair for the remainder of the municipal year 2020/21.

5.2 Approve the re-calculated political balance and subsequent membership of committees as outlined in Appendices A and B until such a time as by-elections take place.

5.3 Appoint Councillor Tony Austin to serve on Langho Football Club outside body.

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CHIEF EXECUTIVE

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POLITICAL BALANCE ON COMMITTEES AUGUST 2020**MATHEMATICAL CALCULATION**

1. The political balance of Council is:	Conservatives	26
	Liberal Democrats	10
	Independents	2
		<u>38</u>

2. The total number of committee seats:

Community Services	15
Planning & Development	15
Licensing	15
Health & Housing	15
Economic Development	15
Personnel	9
Policy & Finance	15
Accounts & Audit	11
	110

3. Seats per member is $110 \div 38 = 2.89$

4. TOTAL NUMBER OF SEATS PER GROUP :

Conservatives	$26 \times 2.89 =$	75
Liberal Democrats	$10 \times 2.89 =$	29 (28.9)
Independents	$2 \times 2.89 =$	6 (5.78)

5. ALLOCATION OF SEATS PER COMMITTEE:

<u>Community Services</u>	$(15 \div 38 = 0.395)$	
Conservatives	$26 \times 0.395 = 10.27$	= 10
Liberal Democrats	$10 \times 0.395 = 3.95$	= 4
Independents	$2 \times 0.395 = 0.79$	= 1
<u>Planning & Development</u>	$(15 \div 38 = 0.395)$	
Conservatives	$26 \times 0.395 = 10.27$	= 10
Liberal Democrats	$10 \times 0.395 = 3.95$	= 4
Independents	$2 \times 0.395 = 0.79$	= 1
<u>Licensing</u>	$(15 \div 38 = 0.395)$	
Conservatives	$26 \times 0.395 = 10.27$	= 10
Liberal Democrats	$10 \times 0.395 = 3.95$	= 4
Independents	$2 \times 0.395 = 0.79$	= 1
<u>Health & Housing</u>	$(15 \div 38 = 0.395)$	
Conservatives	$26 \times 0.395 = 10.27$	= 10
Liberal Democrats	$10 \times 0.395 = 3.95$	= 4
Independents	$2 \times 0.395 = 0.79$	= 1

<u>Economic Development</u>	(15÷38 = 0.395)	
Conservatives	26 x 0.395 = 10.27	= 10
Liberal Democrats	10 x 0.395 = 3.95	= 4
Independents	2 x 0.395 = 0.79	= 1

<u>Personnel</u>	(9÷38 = 0.237)	
Conservatives	26 x 0.237 = 6.1	= 6
Liberal Democrats	10 x 0.237 = 2.37	= 2
Independents	2 x 0.237 = 0.47	= 1

<u>Policy & Finance</u>	(15÷38 = 0.395)	
Conservatives	26 x 0.395 = 10.27	= 10
Liberal Democrats	10 x 0.395 = 3.95	= 4
Independents	2 x 0.395 = 0.79	= 1

<u>Accounts & Audit Committee</u>	(11÷38 = 0.289)	
Conservatives	26 x 0.289 = 7.5	= 7
Liberal Democrats	10 x 0.289 = 2.8	= 3
Independents	2 x 0.289 = 0.58	= 1

6. Summary

	<u>Cons</u>	<u>L. Dems</u>	<u>Ind</u>	
Community Services	10	4	1	
Planning & Development	10	4	1	
Licensing	10	4	1	
Health & Housing	10	4	1	
Economic Development	10	4	1	
Personnel	6	2	1	
Policy & Finance	10	4	1	
Accounts & Audit	7	3	1	
TOTAL	73	29	8	= 110

7. The totals of committee seats need to be adjusted to bring the totals in line with the overall allocation of seats ie. Conservatives **75**, Liberal Democrats **29**, Independents **6 = 110**.

8. Therefore the adjustments to the overall allocation of seats as they are currently held is as follows :-

COMMITTEE	CONS	L DEMS	IND	
Community Services	10	4	1	
Planning & Dev	10	4	1	
Licensing	11	4	0	
Health & Housing	10	4	1	
Economic Dev	11 (-1)	3 (+1)	1	
Personnel	7	2	0	
Policy & Finance	10	4	1	
Accounts & Audit	8 (-1)	3	0 (+1)	
TOTALS	77 (-2)	28 (+1)	5 (+1)	= 110
	75	29	6	= 110

CONSERVATIVE		LIBERAL DEMOCRAT	INDEPENDENT	
COMMUNITY SERVICES (15)				
	(10 seats)	(4 seats)	(1 seat)	
Chairman:	Ricky Newmark	Mary Robinson	David Birtwhistle	
Vice Chairman:	Louise Edge	Sue Knox		
	Jan Alcock	Simon O'Rourke		
	Stephen Atkinson	Jenni Schumann		
	Tony Austin			
	Stuart Carefoot			
	Angeline Humphreys			
	Ged Mirfin			
	Sarah Rainford			
	Gary Scott			
PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT (15)				
	(10 seats)	(4 seats)	(1 seat)	
Chairman:	Alison Brown	Sue Knox	Robert Thompson	
Vice Chairman:	Richard Sherras	Bob Buller		
	Tony Austin	Mark French		
	Ian Brown	Simon O'Rourke		
	Stuart Carefoot			
	Judith Clark			
	Louise Edge			
	Brian Holden			
	Angeline Humphreys			
	Jim Rogerson			
HEALTH & HOUSING (15)				
	(10 seats)	(4 seats)	(1 seat)	
Chairman:	Bridget Hilton	Mary Robinson	David Birtwhistle	
Vice Chairman:	Jan Alcock	Jonathan Hill		
	Stephen Atkinson	Allan Knox		
	Tony Austin	Donna O'Rourke		
	Rosie Elms			
	Mark Hindle			
	Brian Holden			
	Ricky Newmark			
	David Peat			
	Richard Sherras			

CONSERVATIVE		LIBERAL DEMOCRAT	INDEPENDENT	
PERSONNEL (9)				
	(7 seats)	(2 seats)	(0 seats)	
Chairman:	Rosie Elms	Jenni Schumann		
Vice Chairman:	Sue Bibby	Donna O'Rourke		
	Stephen Atkinson			
	Richard Bennett			
	David Berryman			
	Mark Hindle			
	Sarah Rainford			
LICENSING (15)				
	(11 seats)	(4 seats)	(0 seat)	
Chairman:	Ged Mirfin	Simon O'Rourke		
Vice Chairman:	David Berryman	Donna O'Rourke		
	Jan Alcock	Mary Robinson		
	Richard Bennett	Allan Knox		
	Rosie Elms			
	Bridget Hilton			
	Stuart Hirst			
	Simon Hore			
	Ricky Newmark			
	Sarah Rainford			
	Gary Scott			
POLICY & FINANCE (15)				
	(10 seats)	(4 seats)	(1 seat)	
Chairman:	Stephen Atkinson	Allan Knox	Robert Thompson	
Vice Chairman:	Simon Hore	Mark French		
	Sue Bibby	Stewart Fletcher		
	Alison Brown	Jonathan Hill		
	Stuart Carefoot			
	Judith Clark			
	Mark Hindle			
	Stuart Hirst			
	David Peat			
	Jim Rogerson			

CONSERVATIVE		LIBERAL DEMOCRAT	INDEPENDENT	
ACCOUNTS & AUDIT (11)				
	(7 seats)	(3 seats)	(1 seat)	
Chairman:	Richard Bennett	Bob Buller	David Birtwhistle	
Vice Chairman:	Ian Brown	Jonathan Hill		
	Louise Edge	Stewart Fletcher		
	Angeline Humpheys			
	Ricky Newmark			
	David Peat			
	Richard Sherras			
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (15)				
	(10 seats)	(4 seats)	(1 seat)	
Chairman:	Stuart Hirst	Mark French	David Birtwhistle	
Vice Chairman:	Jim Rogerson	Stewart Fletcher		
	Sue Bibby	Bob Buller		
	Ian Brown	Sue Knox		
	Judith Clark			
	David Berryman			
	Rosie Elms			
	Mark Hindle			
	Simon Hore			
	Ged Mirfin			
PARISH COUNCIL LIAISON (10 + 2 + 1)				
	(10 seats)	(2 seats)	(1 seat)	
Vice Chairman:	David Peat	Jenni Schumann	Robert Thompson	
	Richard Bennett	Bob Buller		
	Alison Brown			
	Bridget Hilton			
	Stuart Hirst			
	Brian Holden			
	Simon Hore			
	Ged Mirfin			
	Gary Scott			
	Richard Sherras			