



REPORT OF:	CHIEF EXECUTIVE
TO:	ANNUAL COUNCIL
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COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS FOR 2007/08

1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

To make appointments to the Executive Board and Committees of the Council for 2007/08.

2. ANNUAL COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS

Under the existing Constitution of the Council, the Annual Meeting of the Council needs to make the following appointments:

- 2.1 The Leader of the Council and two Deputy Leaders, the Leaders of the opposition parties
- 2.2 The Executive Board which will consist of the Leader plus seven Executive Members of the ruling party appointed by the Council, shall be responsible for the following portfolios:
 - Adult Social Care
 - Children's Services
 - Citizens and Consumer Rights
 - Housing and Neighbourhood Services
 - Leisure and Culture
 - Regeneration
 - Resources
- 2.3 Two Lead Members for each of the following portfolios:
 - Adult Social Care
 - Children's Services
 - Regeneration
 - Resources

One Lead Member for each of the following portfolios:

- Leisure and Culture
 - Citizens and Consumer Rights
 - Housing and Neighbourhood Services.
- 2.4 To appoint Chairs, Vice Chairs and Members to the following Committees:
- Policy and Review Committee
 - Corporate Resources Overview & Scrutiny Committee
 - Sustainable Neighbourhoods Overview & Scrutiny Committee
 - Regeneration and Technical Overview & Scrutiny Committee
 - Children's Services Overview & Scrutiny Committee
 - Health and Social Care Overview & Scrutiny Committee
 - Planning & Highways Committee
 - Licensing Committee
 - Standards Committee
 - Audit Committee
- 2.5 Members are asked to note that the Standards Committee also consists of five independent persons and a Parish Council representative. Each of these representatives will serve for a period of four years, positions becoming vacant each year on a rolling programme basis.
- 2.6 The Policy and Review Committee and the Children's Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee include within their membership, two Diocesan and three parent-governor co-opted members who have voting rights.
- 2.7 The Licensing Committee has established two Sub-Committees consisting of three members of the Committee. A rota of Members is drawn up with the Chair or Vice Chair leading each Sub-Committee meeting.

3 MEMBERSHIP OF EXECUTIVE BOARD AND COMMITTEES

- 3.1 The ruling administration is invited to make nominations to the position of Leader of the Council and appointments to the Executive Board.
- 3.2 The Lead Members appointed will be eligible to serve on any Committees but cannot Chair any of the Overview and Scrutiny Committees. Members of the Executive Board cannot serve on the Policy and Review Committee.
- 3.3 All political parties have been invited to make nominations to the Committees listed in paragraph 2 above. Places have been allocated on a proportional representation basis. Political Group nominations, along with those to the Leader of the Council and the Executive Board, will be circulated prior to the meeting of Annual Council.

- 3.4 The Chairs and Vice-Chairs of Committees also need to be appointed. The Chair of the Executive Board will be the Leader of the Council and the Vice Chair will be elected from amongst the other Members of the Executive Board.

4 SUBSTITUTE MEMBERS

- 4.1 Under Council Procedure Rule 5, Committees of the Council have provision for substitute Members. This provision does not extend to the Executive Board or the Standards Committee. In addition there is a protocol in place which discourages the use of substitute members on overview and scrutiny committees except in exceptional circumstances.
- 4.2 In order to fix the membership of Committees, it is necessary for each Group to nominate substitute Members. It is suggested that each Group nominate all Members of their Group as substitute Members on Committees. The exception to this is that Members of the Executive Board cannot serve, even as substitute Members, on the Policy and Review Committee, or any of the other Scrutiny Committees.

5 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 5.1 That appointments be made to the positions detailed in paragraph 2 above.
- 5.2 That with the exception that there is no provision for substitutes on the Executive Board and the Standards Committee, and that Executive Members cannot substitute for members of the Policy and Review Committee or Scrutiny Committees, the following substitutes be appointed:
- all the Labour Group members for any other Labour Group Member;
 - all Conservative Group Members for any other Conservative Group Member; and
 - all Liberal Democrat Members for any other Liberal Democrat Member
 - all For Darwen Members for any other For Darwen Member

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