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TITLE	: ANNUAL APPOINTMENTS 2003/2004		
TO / ON	: Council		14 May 2003
BY	: Leader of the Council		
STATUS	: For Publication		

1.0 TYPE OF DECISION

1.1 What type of decision is to be taken:-

EXECUTIVE DECISION			COUNCIL DECISION	
Key		Non Key		Yes

1.2 If a key decision, has it been included in the Forward Plan

Inclusion in Forward Plan	N/A	Date of Plan	
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2.0 SUMMARY

<p>This report deals with the notification of Political Group Leaders and Deputy Leaders, the appointment of the Leader, Deputy Leader and Members of the Executive, the allocation of Portfolios to Executive Members and the allocation of Lead Member Roles for the 2003/2004 Municipal Year.</p> <p>The report also deals with the appointment of Regulatory Committees, Scrutiny Panels/Commissions and other bodies affected by the political balance rules contained in the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 and of the Standards Committee, Area Boards and other bodies not covered or exempted from the political balance rules for the 2003/2004 Municipal Year.</p> <p>It also deals with the appointment of representatives on Joint Authorities and appointments to other internal bodies not covered by the political balance rules and to outside bodies</p>

3.0 **OPTIONS AND RECOMMENDED OPTIONS (with reasons)**

Recommended option

1. That the appointment of the Political Group Leaders and Deputy Leaders as set out in Appendix A to this report be received.

Recommended option (continued)

2. That the appointment of the Leader, Deputy Leader and Executive Members , including the allocation of Portfolios, and the appointment of Lead Members and allocation of the Lead Member Roles for the 2003/2004 Municipal Year be as set out in Appendix B to this report.
3. That the appointment of the Regulatory Committees, Scrutiny Panels/Commissions and other bodies covered by the political balance rules including the appointment of Chairs, where stated, be as set out in Appendix C to this report.
4. That the appointment of the Standards Committee, Area Boards and other bodies not covered by or exempted from the political balance rules be as set out in Appendix D to the report.
5. That the appointments to the Greater Manchester Joint Authorities be as set out in Appendix E to the report.
6. That the appointments to the various other internal bodies including the appointment of Chairs where stated, and outside bodies be as set out in Appendix F and G to the report.
7. That, if necessary, the Council Constitution be amended to take into account the above recommendations.
8. That, if necessary, the Chief Executive, in consultation with the leaders of the three Political groups on the Council, be authorised to determine any appointments to bodies which remain to be filled and any changes in appointments to outside bodies during the 2003/2004 municipal year.

4.0 **THIS REPORT HAS THE FOLLOWING IMPLICATIONS**

Corporate Aims

Improving the quality and availability of Council Services.

Policy Framework

N/A.

Statement by Monitoring Officer

The appointment of the various bodies indicated in the report complies with the provisions of the New Council Constitution adopted under the provisions of the Local Government Act 2000 and its related regulations and directions and also with the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 and Local Government (Committees and Political Groups) Regulations 1990 as amended in respect of the political balance rules.

Statement by Chief Finance Officer

No direct financial implications.

Human Resource IT/Land and Property Implications

N/A.

Wards/Area Boards affected

All.

Scrutiny Panel's Interest

Resource.

Consultations

Political Group Leaders

Call-in

Briefings

Executive Members/ Chair	Yes	Chief Executive	Yes
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5.0 POLITICAL GROUP LEADERS AND DEPUTY LEADERS

5.1 The appointment by the Political Groups on the Council of their Leaders and Deputy Leaders has been notified and the details are set out in Appendix A to this report.

6.0 THE EXECUTIVE

6.1 The Council Constitution made under the provisions of the Local Government Act 2001 and its associated regulations and directions and adopted by the Council on

21 November 2001 provides for the Council to appoint the Leader and Executive Members to form the Executive.

6.2 The allocation of Portfolios to Executive Members and the appointment of the Deputy Leader are also the responsibility of the Council.

6.3 The Political Balance rules do not apply to the Executive.

7.0 REGULATORY COMMITTEES, SCRUTINY PANELS/COMMISSIONS AND OTHER BODIES COVERED BY THE POLITICAL BALANCE RULES

7.1 The rules and requirements for securing political balance on the Regulatory Committees (and Sub-Committees), Scrutiny Panels/Commissions, Advisory Committees and certain other bodies appointed by local authorities as set out in Appendix C of this report are contained in the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 and the Local Government (Committees and Political Groups) Regulations 1990, as amended.

7.2 The general effects of the balance rules on this Council are that it is under a duty:-

- (a) to ensure that the membership of those bodies covered by the rules reflects the political composition of the Council as far as practicable;
- (b) to allocate seats on these bodies to the political groups in proportion to their numerical strength on the Council as far as practicable;
- (c) to accept the nominations made by the Groups for the filling of seats allocated to them; and
- (d) to review the allocation of seats to political groups at or as soon as practicable after, the Annual Council Meeting and at certain other specified times.

7.3 In determining the allocation of seats to the political groups, the Council must apply the following four principles **so far as is reasonably practicable**:-

- (A) Not all seats on a body are to be allocated to the same political group;
- (B) The group with a majority of seats on the Council shall be allocated a majority of seats on a body.

Having first satisfied (A) and (B) above, then:-

- (C) The total of all seats on ordinary Committees shall be allocated to the groups in proportion to their respective political strengths on the Council.

Once (A), (B) and (C) above have been satisfied, then:-

- (D) The number of seats on other affected "bodies" (Sub-Committees/Other Bodies) shall also be allocated to the political groups in proportion to their respective political strengths on the Council.

7.4 **The proportions** which each political group bears to the total number of Councillors on the Council are as follows:-

Group	Council Seats	Proportion
Labour	28	0.5833
Conservative	16	0.3333
Lib/Dem	4	0.0833

7.5 **Aggregate entitlements (proportional)** of the groups to seats on Committees etc, based on the recommended number and size of Committees, are as follows:-

Group	Committees	Sub Committees/ Other Bodies	Total Seats
Labour	73	4	77
Conservative	42	2	44
Liberal Democrats	10	0	10
TOTALS	125	6	131

7.6 **Recommended seat allocations (actual)** to the groups are shown against each body listed in the Schedule. Based on the approved sizes of "bodies" and bearing in mind that the principles referred to above, the actual seat allocations for the main Committees are as follows:-

Group	Committees	Sub Committees/ Other Bodies	Total Seats
Labour	72	4	76
Conservative	41	2	43
Liberal Democrats	12	0	12
TOTALS	125	6	131

8.0 STANDARDS COMMITTEE, AREA BOARDS AND OTHER BODIES NOT COVERED BY THE POLITICAL BALANCE RULES

8.1 The appointment of the Standards Committee, Area Boards and certain other bodies are not covered by the political balance rules.

8.2 Different rules may apply to the appointment of these bodies particularly the Standards Committee.

9.0 REPRESENTATIVES ON GREATER MANCHESTER JOINT AUTHORITIES

9.1 The Council is entitled to appoint representatives to serve on the Greater Manchester Joint Authorities for 2003/2004 and to nominate, from amongst the appointed representatives, spokespersons to answer any questions (duly notified at Council meetings) on the functions of the Joint Authorities on which they serve.

10.0 APPOINTMENTS OF OTHER INTERNAL BODIES NOT GOVERNED BY THE POLITICAL BALANCE RULES

10.1 Attached to this report as Appendix F is a schedule giving details of the appointment of other internal bodies not covered by the political balance rules.

11.0 APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES

11.1 Attached to this report as Appendix G is a schedule giving details of appointments to be made to outside bodies.

12.0 CONCLUSION

12.1 Appendix A contains details of appointments of Group Leaders/Deputy Leaders

12.2 Appendix B contains details of appointments relating to the Executive.

12.3 Appendix C contains details of the Regulatory Committees and Sub-Committees/Other Bodies to be –appointed in accordance with the political balance rules.

12.4 Appendix D contains details for the appointment of the Standards Committee, Area Boards and other bodies not covered by the political balance rules.

12.5 Appendix E contains details of appointments of representatives on the Greater Manchester Joint Authorities.

12.6 Appendix F contains details of appointments of other internal bodies not covered by the political balance rules.

12.7 Appendix G contains details of appointments to outside bodies.

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Background documents:

None.

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