

REPORT FOR DECISION

Agenda Item

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MEETING: ANNUAL COUNCIL

DATE: 18 MAY 2010

SUBJECT: ANNUAL APPOINTMENTS 2010/2011

REPORT FROM: Leader of the Council

CONTACT OFFICER: Director of Legal and Democratic Services

TYPE OF DECISION: Council Decision

REPORT STATUS: For Publication

PURPOSE/SUMMARY:

The report deals with:-

- a) the notification of Political Group Leaders and Deputy Leaders, the allocation of Portfolios to Executive Members and the allocation of Lead Member Roles for the 2010/2011 Municipal Year, (Appendices A and B)
- b) the appointment of Regulatory Committees, Overview and Scrutiny Committees and other bodies affected by the Political Balance Rules contained in the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 for the 2010/2011 Municipal Year. (Appendix C)
- the appointment of the Standards Committee and other bodies not covered or exempted from the Political Balance Rules for the 2010/2011 Municipal Year; (Appendix D)
- d) the appointment of representatives on Joint Authorities, (Appendix E). The Joint Committee has recommended all Greater Manchester Authorities to appoint their Executive Member for Environment and Transport or its equivalent, to the Greater Manchester Waste Plan Joint Committee
- e) the appointment of other internal bodies not covered by the Political Balance Rules; (Appendix F), which include the six Local Area Partnerships;
- f) the appointments to outside bodies; (Appendix G) and
- g) those outside bodies which will be contacted to clarify Member involvement. (Appendix H).

OPTIONS AND RECOMMENDED OPTION (with reasons):

Recommended option

- 1. That the appointments of the Political Groups' Leaders and Deputy Leaders as set out in Appendix A to this report be received.
- 2. That the appointment of the Deputy Leader and Executive Members for the 2010/2011 Municipal Year, as set out in Appendix B to this report be noted.
- 3. That the appointment of the Regulatory Committees, Overview and Scrutiny Committees and other bodies covered by the Political Balance Rules, including the appointment of Chairs, where stated, for the 2010/2011 Municipal Year, as set out in Appendix C to this report, be approved.
- 4. That the appointment of the Standards Committee and other bodies not covered by or exempted from the Political Balance Rules, including the appointment of Chairs, where stated, for the 2010/2011 Municipal Year, as set out in Appendix D to the report, be approved.
- 5. That the Chair of the Standards Committee be appointed from amongst the Independent Members for 2010/2011 Municipal Year.
- 6. That the appointments to the Greater Manchester Joint Authorities for the 2010/2011 Municipal Year including the appointment to the Greater Manchester Waste Plan Joint Committee, as set out in Appendix E to the report, be approved.
- 7. That the appointments to the various other internal bodies, including the appointment of Chairs, where stated, for the 2010/2011 Municipal Year, set out in Appendix F to the report, be approved.
- 8. That the appointments to outside bodies for the 2009/2010 Municipal Year as set out in Appendix G to the report, be approved.
- 9. That 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 or any new appointments to be made during the 2010/2011 Municipal Year and that any such appointments be reported to the Executive for information.

IMPLICATIONS -

Financial Implications and Risk Considerations

There are no direct financial implications

Corporate Aims/Policy Framework:

Do the proposals accord with the Policy Framework?

Yes

Are there any legal implications? Yes Considered by Monitoring Officer: Yes

The appointment of the various bodies indicated in the report complies with the provisions of the 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 Director of Finance

and E-Government:

No direct financial implications

Staffing/ICT/Property: N/A

Wards Affected: All Wards

Scrutiny Interest: Resource and Performance

TRACKING/PROCESS

DIRECTOR LEGAL AND DEMOCRATIC SERVICES:

Chief Executive/ Management Board	Executive Member/ Chair	Political Group Leaders	Partners
Scrutiny Management	Executive	Committee	Council
N/A	-	-	18 May 2010

1.0 ISSUES

1.1 POLITICAL GROUP LEADERS AND DEPUTY LEADERS

1.1.1 The appointment of 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.

1.2 THE LEADER

- 1.2.1 The Council Constitution made under the provisions of the Local Government Act 2000 and its associated Regulations and directions and adopted by the Council on 21 November 2001, as amended, provides for the Council to appoint the Leader.
- 1.3 REGULATORY COMMITTEES, OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEES AND OTHER BODIES COVERED BY THE POLITICAL BALANCE RULES
- 1.3.1 The rules and requirements for securing political balance on the Regulatory Committees (and Sub-Committees), Overview and Scrutiny Committees, 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.
- 1.3.2 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 a 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.
- 1.3.3 In determining the allocation of seats to the political groups, the Council must apply these overriding **two 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.
- 1.3.4 **The proportions** which each political group bears to the total number of Councillors on the Council are as follows:

Group	Council Seats	Proportion
Conservative	23	0.45
Labour	20	0.39
Lib/Dem	8	0.16

1.3.5 **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 the principles referred to above, the actual seat allocations for the main Committees are as follows:-

Group	Committees	Sub Committees/ Other Bodies	Total Seats
Conservative	70	-	70
Labour	60	-	60
Liberal Democrats	25	-	25
TOTALS	155	-	155

1.4 STANDARDS COMMITTEE AND OTHER BODIES NOT COVERED BY THE POLITICAL BALANCE RULES

- 1.4.1 The appointment of the Standards Committee and certain other bodies are not covered by the Political Balance Rules.
- 1.4.2. Different rules may apply to the appointment of these bodies particularly the Standards Committee.
- 1.4.3 In line with the recommendations of the then Standards Board for England in advocating that Independent Members be appointed as Chairs of Standards Committees, the Council agreed previously that the Standards Committee be Chaired by an Independent Member.

1.5. REPRESENTATIVES ON GREATER MANCHESTER JOINT AUTHORITIES

1.5.1. The Council is entitled to appoint representatives to serve on the Greater Manchester Joint Authorities for 2010/2011 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.

1.6 APPOINTMENTS OF OTHER INTERNAL BODIES NOT GOVERNED BY THE POLITICAL BALANCE RULES 2010/2011

1.6.1 Attached to this report at Appendix F is a schedule giving details of the appointments to other internal bodies not covered by the Political Balance Rules.

1.7 APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES 2010/2011

1.7.1 Attached to this report at Appendix G is a schedule giving details of appointments to be made to outside bodies. Appendix H sets out a further list of outside bodies to which members are usually appointed. The Director of Legal and Democratic Services is currently auditing the list to ascertain the status of each of these bodies.

2.0 CONCLUSION

- 2.1 Appendix A contains details of appointments of Group Leaders/Deputy Leaders.
- 2.2 Appendix B contains details of appointments relating to the Executive/Cabinet.
- 2.3. Appendix C contains details of the Regulatory Committees and Sub-Committees/Other Bodies to be appointed in accordance with the Political Balance Rules.
- 2.4 Appendix D contains details for the appointment of the Standards Committee and other bodies not covered by the Political Balance Rules.
- 2.5 Appendix E contains details of appointments of representatives on the Greater Manchester Joint Authorities.
- 2.6 Appendix F contains details of appointments of other internal bodies not covered by the Political Balance Rules.
- 2.7 Appendix G contains details of appointments to outside bodies.
- 2.8 Appendix H contains a list of Outside Bodies which are subject to audit.

List of Background Papers:-

Schedules of appointments made by each political group.

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APPOINTMENT OF POLITICAL GROUP LEADERS/DEPUTY LEADERS FOR 2010/2011

Group/Position	Appointees 2010/2011
	Councillors:
Labour Group	
Leader	
Deputy Leader	
Conservative Group	
Leader	
Deputy Leader	
Liberal Democrat Group	
Leader	
Deputy Leader	

APPOINTMENT OF THE CABINET AND LEAD MEMBERS FOR 2010/2011

The Cabinet/Cabinet Members

Position	Appointees 2010/2011	
Communities		
Resource, Human Resource and Performance		
Children and Young people		
Environment and Transport		
Health and Well-Being		

(The Cabinet may not include the chairman (Mayor) or vice-chairman (Deputy Mayor) of the Authority [S.11(7) of LG Act 2000])

(The number of members of the Cabinet may not exceed 10 [S.11(8) of LG Act 2000])

APPOINTMENT OF POLITICALLY BALANCED COMMITTEES AND SUB-COMMITTEES OF THE COUNCIL FOR 2010/2011

	No o	f Seats	Seat Al	locations and <i>A</i> 2010/2011	Appointments
Committees	Cllr	Co-Opted			
1. Planning Control Committee	13	0	Councillors Con 6 seats	Lab 5 seats	Lib/Dem 2 seats
2. Licensing and Safety Panel	13	0		ne Panel to form	Lib/Dem 2 seats and monitoring individual politically- s for individual licence

	No of Seats		Seat Allocations and Appointments 2010/2011		
Committees	Cllr	Co- Opted			
3. Human Resources and Appeals Panel	51	0	Councillors Con 23 seats	Lab 20 seats	Lib/Dem 8 seats
			The Panel to cor	mprise all Membe	ers of the Council.
			Chair:		

23 seats	20 seats	8 seats

23 seats	20 s	eats	8 seats		
	No of Seats		Seat Allocations and Appointments 2010/2011		
Committees	Cllr	Co- Opted			
3. Human Resources and Appeals Panel	51	0	Councillors Con Lab Lib/Dem 23 seats 20 seats 8 seats The Panel to comprise all Members of the Council. Chair:		
3a. Individual Panels/Boards	(3) or (5)	(0)	3 or 5 Members of the Panel selected to form Human Resources and Appeals Panels/Boards dealing with:- • Shortlisting and Appointment of Staff • Personnel Appeals • Premature Retirements • Registered Homes Appeals • Childminder Appeals • NNDR Appeals • Any other Appeals • Any other Appeals Membership to comprise the Lead Member for Human Resources (who will act as Chair), appropriate Executive Member or Lead Member or majority group member or a majority group member of the appropriate Overview and Scrutiny Committee and a member of a minority group		

	No o	f Seats	Seat Allocations and Appointments 2010/2011		
Committees	Cllr	Co- Opted			
4. Overview Panel	9	15	Councillors Con 23 seats	Lab 20 seats	Lib/Dem 8 seats
			Education Repres	sentatives – (\	/oting)
			Name	Representin	g
			 Rev Dr Findon Vacancy N Gatoff D R Lindsay T Zaman 	Roman Cath Jewish Faith Parent Gov (olic Secondary)
			Co-opted Membe	rs – (Non-Voti	ing)
			Overview and Pro Members as requ		will appoint Co-opted

	No o	f Seats	Seal Allocations and Appointments 2010/20		intments 2010/2011
Committees	Cllr	Co-Opted			
5. Overview Management Committee	6		Councillors Con 3 (Executive Members of the committee.) (Lead Members of the color	not to be a Mer rea in which th	mber of a Committee

	No of	Seats	Seat Allocations and Appointments 2010/2011			
Committees	Cllr	Co-Opted	1			
6. Scrutiny Committee (Internal)	11		an involvement	not to be a Mening with an area or an influence). Overview Mana	nber of a in which they have	

	No of Seats		Sea		and Appointments /2011
Committees	Cllr	Co- Opted			
7. Scrutiny Committee (External)	8		(Lead Members with an area in v influence).	not to be a Me which they have e Overview M	Lib/Dem 1 members of the Commission.) mber of a Commission dealing an involvement or an anagement Committee not

	No of Seats		Seat Allocations and Appointments 2010/2011			
Committees	Cllr	Co- Opted				
10. West Pennine Moors Joint Committee	2	0	Councillors: Con seat 1	Lab seat 1	Lib/Dem 0	
Total Councillor Seats	155					

APPOINTMENT OF NON-POLITICALLY BALANCED COMMITTEES OF THE COUNCIL FOR 2010/2011

Committee	No of	seats	Seat Allocations and Appointments 2010/2011			
	Clirs	Ind				
1. Standards Committee	7	4 (Vot Ing)	Councillors: Con 3 seats	Lab 3 seats	Lib/Dem 1 seat	
			(The Leader of the Council cannot be a Member of the Standards Committee. (One Member may be appointed from the Executive but he/she cannot Chair the Committee.)			
			Independent Members: (Voting) Term of Office (Recommended) 1. A Brown (May 2012) 2. A Withington (May 2013) 3. D Gremson (May 2014) 4. K Wainwright (May 2015) (Chair) The Council has agreed previously to amend the Constitution to provide that an Independent Member will Chair the Committee.			

Committee	No of seats		Seat Allocations and Appointments			
	Clirs	Ind	2010/2011			
2. Audit Committee	9	1	Councillors: Con 4	Lab 3	Lib/Dem 2	
			Independent Member: (Voting)			
			(Appointed by Star D Gremson	ndards Co	nmittee)	
			Guidance from the external auditor is that Executive Members should not be members of Audit Committee			
3. Local Area	7	0	Councillors:			
Partnerships - Chairs' Group	-	-	Con 3 (plus Chair)	Lab 2	Lib/Dem 1	
			(Executive Member for Community Relations to be a Member and Chair of the Group)			
			(All Local Area Pal Group)	rtnership C	hairs to be a Member of the	

4. Local Area Partnerships	No of Seats		Membership 2010/2011
	Clirs	Ward	Councillors
a) Ramsbottom, Tottington and	6	Ramsbottom	1. I Bevan 2. S P Magnall 3. B Theckston
North Manor		Tottington	4. R C A Brown5. I B Gartside6. Y S Wright
		North Manor	7. D L Gunther 8. D M Higgin 9. J W H Taylor
b) Bury West	6	Church	1. R A Bibby 2. R E Walker 3. J F Walton
		Elton	4. D B Bigg 5. Y Creswell 6. M Hankey
c) Bury East	9	East	1. J Byrne 2. M Connolly 3. T Holt
		Moorside	4. S Walmsley5. D M Cassidy6. K Rothwell
		Redvales	7. T Tariq 8. J Smith 9. I Ahmed
d) Whitefield and Unsworth	9	Besses	K Audin D Boden A K Matthews
		Pilkington Park	4. RA Caserta5. B Vincent6. M J Wiseman
		Unsworth	7. S Cohen8. J Grimshaw9. A Audin

4. Local Area Partnership	No of Seats		Membership 2010/2011
	Clirs	Ward	Councillors
e) Radcliffe	9	Radcliffe East	1. N Parnell 2. S Hurst 3. S Costello
		Radcliffe North	4. S P Penketh5. J Lewis6. J M Harris
		Radcliffe West	7. R Shori 8. A J Cummings 9. A Isherwood
f) Prestwich	9	Holyrood	 V D D'Albert W J Davison T D Pickstone
		St Mary's	4. M F D'Albert5. R L Baum6. D O'Hanlon
		Sedgley	7. S D Wright 8. A S Garner 9. A Quinn

APPOINTMENTS TO GREATER MANCHESTER JOINT AUTHORITIES 2010/2011

	Appointee s 2009/2010	Appoi ntees 2010/2 011	Notes	
Joint Authority	Councillor	Coun cillor		
Fire and Rescue	J Walton*		Political balance rules do not apply - appointment of less	
	J Taylor		than 3 reps	
Passenger Transport	Y Creswell*		Political balance rules do not apply - appointment of less	
	B Theckston		than 3 reps	
Police	R Walker*		Membership must reflect political balance of GM area	
Waste Disposal	YS Wright*		Political balance rules do not apply - appointment of les	
	S Hurst		than 3 reps	
Waste Plan Joint Committee	D Gunther		Recommendation from the Joint Committee that each Authority appoint its Executive Member for Environment and Transport or its equivalent	

^{*}Denotes Spokespersons to answer questions at Council meetings.