



**CAMBRIDGESHIRE
& PETERBOROUGH**
COMBINED AUTHORITY

Agenda Item No: 1.8

Appointment of the Audit and Governance Committee 2022/23

To:	Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority Board
Meeting Date:	8 June 2022
Public report:	Yes
Lead Member:	Mayor Dr Nik Johnson
From:	Robert Parkin, Chief Legal Officer (Monitoring Officer)
Key decision:	No
Recommendations:	<p>The Combined Authority Board is recommended to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a) confirm that the size of the Audit and Governance Committee should be eight members; one member and one substitute from each Constituent Council and one independent person.b) to agree the political balance on the committee as set out in Appendix 1;c) confirm the appointment of the Members and substitute Members nominated by Constituent Councils to the Committee for the municipal year 2022/23 as set out in Appendix 2.d) appoint the Independent Person as Chair for the municipal year 2022/23 and delegate the election of the Vice Chair to the Audit and Governance Committee.
Voting arrangements:	<p>A simple majority of all Members present and voting,</p> <p>To be carried, the vote must include the vote of the Mayor, or the Deputy Mayor when acting in place of the Mayor.</p>

1. Purpose

- 1.1 The purpose of the report is to ask the Board to confirm the size and membership of the Audit and Governance Committee and to agree the political balance and the appointment of the Independent Person as the Chair for the municipal year 2022/23.

2. Background

- 2.1 In accordance with the Combined Authorities (Overview and Scrutiny Committees, Access to Information and Audit Committees) Order 2017, the Combined Authority is required to establish an Audit Committee.
- 2.2 The Order 2017 sets out the rules for membership. The membership of the committee as a whole should reflect so far as reasonably practicable the balance of political parties of the constituent councils when taken together. The balance is based on membership of political parties, not political groups, on constituent councils across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough.
- 2.3 Since 2017/18, the Board has agreed that the Audit and Governance Committee should have seven constituent members: one Member from each Constituent Council, together with one Independent person. The Board are asked to agree that the size of the committee remains the same.
- 2.4 The implications of applying political proportionality to a seven constituent member committee are detailed in Appendix 1.
- 2.5 Accordingly constituent councils have nominated the members and substitute members listed in Appendix 2 (to follow) for the municipal year 2022/23 based on the political balance calculation.
- 2.6 In previous years, discretion has been used to provide independent members a seat on both the Audit and Governance Committee and the Overview and Scrutiny Committee. Recognising the process operated through the exercise of discretion in previous years to provide an independent Member with a seat but ensuring the political balance of the Committee is not compromised, it has been proposed that the Audit and Governance Committee consider the co-option of an independent member (from a constituent Council) to the Committee. The co-opted member would not be given voting rights.
- 2.7 Should the Audit and Governance Committee agree to the co-option of an independent member, authority may be delegated from the Combined Authority Board to the Committee to appoint a co-optee. The co-option would be for the municipal year 2022/23.

Chair and Vice Chair

- 2.8 In accordance with the Constitution, the appointment of the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Audit and Governance Committee is reserved to the Board.
- 2.9 The Board has previously agreed that Mr Pye as the Independent Person for the Committee should be appointed as Chair of the Committee and has previously delegated the decision of electing a Vice Chair to the Audit and Governance Committee to take place at their first meeting.

- 2.10 The Board are asked to appoint the Independent Person as Chair for the municipal year 2022/23 and delegate the election of the Vice Chair to the Audit and Governance Committee.

Significant Implications

3. Financial Implications

- 3.1 In accordance with the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority Order 2017 no remuneration is to be payable by the Combined Authority to its members.
- 3.2 The appointed independent person will receive an allowance of £3,068 per annum.

4. Legal Implications

- 4.1 These are dealt with in the report.

5. Public Health Implications

- 5.1 None

6. Environmental and Climate Change Implications

- 6.1 None

7. Other Significant Implications

- 7.1 None

8. Appendices

- 8.1 Appendix 1 – Political Balance of the Audit and Governance Committee
- 8.2 Appendix 2 - Nominations from Constituent Councils (to follow).

9. Background Papers

- 9.1 Constituent Councils AGM reports:
[Cambridge City Council](#)
[Cambridgeshire County Council](#)
[East Cambridgeshire District Council](#)
[Fenland District Council](#)
[Huntingdonshire District Council](#)
[Peterborough City Council](#)
[South Cambs District Council](#)