

DECISION ITEM

REPORT OF	MEETING	DATE	ITEM NO
RESOURCES DIRECTORATE	COUNCIL	20 JULY 2020	10
CONFIRMATION OF MAYOR, COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS AND WORKING GROUPS			

PUBLIC ITEM

This item is for consideration in the public part of the meeting.

SUMMARY

The report confirms that term of office of the present mayor and the current committee and working group appointments were extended by emergency legislation introduced to deal with the coronavirus pandemic.

Members are also asked to approve changes to committee membership put forward by the political groups.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Make the changes to committee memberships, chairmanships and vice-chairmanships set out in the table in appendix 1 to the report.
2. Note and endorse the list of current working groups set out in appendix 3 to the report.

SUMMARY OF PREVIOUS DECISIONS

The council receives a report each year at the meeting preceding its annual meeting. In an election year, the report is presented to the annual meeting.

CORPORATE PRIORITIES

Spending your money in the most efficient way to achieve excellent services (Value for Money)	√
Delivering the services that customers expect of an excellent council (Clean and Green)	√
Working with all partners (Vibrant Economy)	√
To make sure Fylde continues to be one of the most desirable places to live (A Great Place to Live)	√
Promoting Fylde as a great destination to visit (A Great Place to Visit)	√

REPORT

OFFICE OF MAYOR

1. Legislation¹ and the council's constitution normally require the election of a mayor to take place at the council's annual meeting. However, the Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority and Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020

¹ Local Government Act 1972, section 4(1)

allowed the cancellation of the annual meeting and automatically extended the term of office of the existing mayor to the annual meeting to be held in 2021.

2. Accordingly, Councillor Angela Jacques continues in office as the mayor of the borough until the annual meeting due to be held in May 2021, unless removed from office before then.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES

3. Under its constitution, the council is normally required annually to decide which committees to establish for the municipal year; decide the size and terms of reference for those committees; and decide the allocation of seats. However, those requirements are disapplied for the present by the regulations referred to in paragraph 1. Accordingly, this report needs only deal with any changes to membership of the committees as proposed by the political groups.
4. The Conservative group has proposed some changes to committee appointments. Following the changes, the committees would be as shown in the table at appendix 1. For comparison, the committees as they presently stand are shown in the table at appendix 2. No other political group has proposed any changes.
5. The Local Government and Housing Act 1989 requires the council to allocate seats in accordance with the wishes of any political group to whom the seats have been allocated. Accordingly, the council is invited to accept the proposed changes to committee appointments reflected in appendix 1. For convenience, proposed changes to membership of the Member Development Steering Group and the council's representation on the Blackpool, Fylde and Wyre Economic Prosperity Board (which is a joint committee) are also included in the tables, and the council is invited to accept those changes as well.
6. The table in appendix 3 sets out, for members to note and endorse, the composition of the various working groups that presently sit.

IMPLICATIONS	
Finance	None arising from the report.
Legal	Political balance is a legal requirement for most committees of the council.
Community Safety	None arising from the report.
Human Rights and Equalities	None arising from the report.
Sustainability and Environmental Impact	None arising from the report.
Health & Safety and Risk Management	None arising from the report.

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BACKGROUND PAPERS		
Name of document	Date	Where available for inspection
Committee Terms of Reference	2019	Constitution

Appendix 1 – List of committee membership as proposed

Appendix 2 – List of committee membership as present

Appendix 3 – List of current working groups and their membership