

Agenda Item No:	14	
Committee:	Full Council	
Date:	19 May 2025	
Report Title:	Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Combined Authority Appointments	

## **1 Purpose / Summary**

- 1.1 This report requests the Council to make appointments to the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority for the municipal year 2025/26.

## **2 Key Issues**

- 2.1 In accordance with the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority Order 2017, each Constituent Council must appoint one of its elected members and a substitute member to the Combined Authority Board. This is usually the Leader of the Council.
- 2.2 The Council is also asked to make appointments to the Combined Authority Overview and Scrutiny Committee and Audit and Governance Committee in line with political proportionality across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough.
- 2.3 The Leader is responsible for making appointments to the following thematic committees; Environment and Sustainable Communities, Skills and Employment, Transport and Infrastructure and Investment.

## **3 Recommendations**

Members are requested to:

- 3.1 Make the following appointments/nominations to the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority for the municipal year 2025/26:
- 3.1.1 appoint the Leader of Council to act as the Council's appointee to the Combined Authority and one substitute member as set out at Appendix 3;
- 3.1.2 nominate two members to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee from the Conservative Party, and two substitute members from the same political party as those appointed as set out in Appendix 1.
- 3.1.3 nominate one member from the Conservative Party to the Audit and Governance Committee and one substitute member from the same political party as set out in Appendix 3.
- 3.2 Note the Leader's nominated appointments to the Thematic Committees as set out at Appendix 3 and highlighted in green.
- 3.3 Delegates authority to the Chief Executive to make any amendments to the appointments to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee and the Audit and Governance Committee in consultation with the Political Group Leaders as required between now and the next Annual Meeting of Council.

Wards Affected	All
Forward Plan Reference	N/A
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Background Papers	Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority Order 2017

## **4 COMBINED AUTHORITY BOARD APPOINTMENTS**

- 4.1 In accordance with the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority Order 2017, each Constituent Council must appoint one of its elected members and a substitute member to the Combined Authority. Each Council made these appointments at its respective Council meeting in May 2017 for the 2017/18 municipal year and is requested to do so for each subsequent municipal year. The Council is now asked to appoint members and substitute members for the municipal year 2025/26.

## **5 OTHER APPOINTMENTS**

### **5.1 Non-Executive Committees**

- 5.1.1 The Combined Authorities (Overview and Scrutiny Committees, Access to Information and Audit Committees) Order 2016 requires the Combined Authority to establish an Overview and Scrutiny Committee and an Audit Committee. The Order sets out the rules for membership. The membership of the Overview and Scrutiny and the Audit Committees 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.
- 5.1.2 On 1 May 2025, there were elections at Cambridgeshire County Council as well as East Cambridgeshire District Council, Cambridge City Council and Peterborough City Council. The Combined Authority has reviewed the political balance on constituent councils and has requested constituent councils to make the following appointments to these committees.

### **5.2 Overview and Scrutiny Committee**

- 5.2.1 The Combined Authority agreed that to ensure an equitable representation across each constituent authority, two members from each council should be appointed to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee representing a total membership of fourteen members.
- 5.2.2 The implications of applying political proportionality to a fourteen member Overview and Scrutiny Committee are detailed in Appendix 1.
- 5.2.3 The Council is required to nominate two members from the Conservative Party to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee for the municipal year 2025/26 based on the political balance set out in Appendix 1.

### **5.3 Audit and Governance Committee**

- 5.3.1 The Combined Authority agreed to establish an Audit and Governance Committee consisting of seven constituent members: one member from each constituent council.
- 5.3.2 The implications of applying political proportionality to a seven member Audit and Governance Committee are detailed in Appendix 2. The Council is required to nominate one member from the Conservative Party to sit on the Audit and Governance Committee for the municipal year 2025/26 based on the political balance set out in Appendix 2.

## **5.4 SUBSTITUTE MEMBERS**

- 5.4.1 The Combined Authority has agreed that substitute members should be appointed for each position on the Audit and Governance Committee and the Overview and Scrutiny Committee. Any substitute members should come from the same party as the Member they are substituting for to maintain political balance.
- 5.4.2 For the Overview and Scrutiny Committee, if constituent councils have appointed members from the same political parties, those Councils might only wish to appoint one substitute rather than two. The quorum set down in legislation is two thirds of the total membership. Therefore, it is preferable to appoint two members in case both members are absent from a meeting and need to substitute.

## **5.5 THEMATIC COMMITTEES**

- 5.5.1 The appointment of one member and a substitute to the thematic Committees is a decision for the Leader. The Council is therefore asked to note the proposed appointments to the Environment and Sustainable Communities, Skills and Employment, Transport and Infrastructure and Investment Committee for the municipal year 2025/26 as set out in Appendix 3 to this Report.

## **6 CONSULTATION**

- 6.1 All appointments and nominations made by constituent councils will be reported to the Combined Authority's annual meeting on 4 June 2025.
- 6.2 The political balance calculations in the Appendices are based on up to date statistics given by constituent councils and take account of the outcome of the local elections that took place on the 1 May 2025. However, there may be last minute changes in the lead up to constituent councils' annual meetings and Combined Authority's annual meeting on 4 June 2025.
- 6.3 If there are consequential changes to the overall political balance, the Combined Authority may need to review the membership and the allocation of seats to political parties on the above committees. The Monitoring Officer will advise constituent councils if any subsequent changes have been necessary, and whether any changes need to be made to their nominations. It is recommended that the Chief Executive is given delegated authority to make in-year changes to committee appointments throughout the municipal year.

## **7 ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED**

- 7.1 There are no viable alternative options as the proposals set out in this report reflect the legal requirements associated with the function of the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority.

## **8 IMPLICATIONS**

### **8.1 Financial Implications**

- 8.1.1 In accordance with the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority Order 2017, no remuneration is to be payable by the Combined Authority to its members.

## **8.2 Legal Implications**

- 8.2.1 These are set out in the report. The Combined Authorities (Overview and Scrutiny Committees, Access to Information and Audit Committees) Order 2016 requires a combined authority to ensure that the members of the committee taken as a whole reflect so far as reasonably practicable the balance of political parties for the time being prevailing among members of the constituent councils when taken together.

## **8.3 Equalities Implications**

- 8.3.1 There are no equalities implications arising from this report.

## **9 APPENDICES**

Appendix 1 – Overview and Scrutiny Committee political balance calculations.

Appendix 2 – Audit and Governance Committee political balance calculations.

Appendix 3 – Combined Authority Appointments

Accessible versions of the appendices are available on request from [Democratic.Services@cambridgeshirepeterborough-ca.gov.uk](mailto:Democratic.Services@cambridgeshirepeterborough-ca.gov.uk).

## **10 BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS**

- 10.1 None applicable.

**Overview and Scrutiny Committee of Fourteen**  
**POLITICAL BALANCE ACROSS THE COUNTY as at 2 May 2025**

	Total	Liberal Democrat	% of total	Conservative	% of total	Labour	% of total	Green Party	% of total	Peterborough First	% of total	Reform	% of total	Total not counted	Total Counted	Entitlement
CAMBRIDGESHIRE COUNTY	2	31	52.5	10	16.9	5	8.5	3	5.1	0	0.0	10.0	16.9	2	59	2 Lib Dem
CAMBRIDGE CITY	2	12	28.6	1	2.4	24	57.1	5	11.9	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	42	1 Lab, 1 Green
EAST CAMBS.	2	0	0.0	14	100.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	14	14	2 Con
FENLAND	2	2	5.4	35	94.6	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	6	37	2 Con
HUNTINGDONSHIRE	2	11	31.4	19	54.3	4	11.4	1	2.9	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	17	35	1 Con, 1 Lib Dem
PETERBOROUGH	2	8	14.8	11	20.4	17	31.5	5	9.3	13	24.1	0.0	0.0	6	54	1 Lab, 1 Peterborough First
SOUTH CAMBS.	2	35	81.4	8	18.6	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2	43	2 Liberal Democrat
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>99</b>		<b>98</b>		<b>50</b>		<b>14</b>		<b>13</b>		<b>10.0</b>		<b>47</b>	<b>284</b>	
POLITICAL BALANCE %		34.86		34.51		17.61		4.93		4.58		3.52				
<b>Seat allocation</b>		<b>5</b>		<b>5</b>		<b>2</b>		<b>1</b>		<b>1</b>		<b>0</b>			<b>14</b>	
Committee seat allocation	14	4.88		4.83		2.46		0.69		0.64		0.49				

**Audit and Governance Committee of Seven**  
**POLITICAL BALANCE ACROSS THE COUNTY as at 2 May 2025**

	Total	Liberal Democrat	% of total	Conservative	% of total	Labour	% of total	Green Party	% of total	Peterborough First	% of total	Reform	% of total	Total not counted	Total Counted	Entitlement
CAMBRIDGESHIRE COUNTY	1	31	52.5	10	16.9	5	8.5	3	5.1	0	0.0	10.0	16.9	2	59	1 Liberal Democrat
CAMBRIDGE CITY	1	12	28.6	1	2.4	24	57.1	5	11.9	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	42	1 Labour
EAST CAMBS.	1	0	0.0	14	100.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	14	14	1 Conservative
FENLAND	1	2	5.4	35	94.6	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	6	37	1 Conservative
HUNTINGDONSHIRE	1	11	31.4	19	54.3	4	11.4	1	2.9	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	17	35	1 Liberal Democrat
PETERBOROUGH	1	8	14.8	11	20.4	17	31.5	5	9.3	13	24.1	0.0	0.0	6	54	1 Conservative
SOUTH CAMBS.	1	35	81.4	8	18.6	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2	43	1 Liberal Democrat
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>99</b>		<b>98</b>		<b>50</b>		<b>14</b>		<b>13</b>		<b>10.0</b>		<b>47</b>	<b>284</b>	
POLITICAL BALANCE %		34.86		34.51		17.61		4.93		4.58		3.52				
<b>Seat allocation</b>		<b>2</b>	<b>+1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>+1</b>	<b>1</b>		<b>0</b>		<b>0</b>				<b>0</b>	<b>6</b>	
Committee seat allocation	7	2.44		2.42		1.23		0.35		0.32		0.25		0		

### **APPENDIX 3 – COMBINED AUTHORITY APPOINTMENTS**

	<b>CPCA Board</b>
	<b>Non-Executive Committees</b>
	<b>Thematic Committees</b>

<b>Committee</b>	<b>Proportionality</b>	<b>Name of FDC Nominee</b>
Combined Authority Board	Conservative	Cllr Boden
Combined Authority Board Substitute	Conservative	Cllr Hoy
CPCA Overview and Scrutiny Committee	Conservative	
CPCA Overview and Scrutiny Committee	Conservative	
CPCA Overview and Scrutiny Committee Substitute	Conservative	
CPCA Overview and Scrutiny Committee Substitute	Conservative	
CPCA Audit and Governance Committee	Conservative	
CPCA Audit and Governance Committee Substitute	Conservative	
Environment & Sustainable Communities Committee	Conservative	
Environment & Sustainable Communities Committee Substitute	Conservative	
Skills and Employment Committee	Conservative	
Skills and Employment Committee Substitute	Conservative	
Transport and Infrastructure Committee	Conservative	
Transport and Infrastructure Committee Substitute	Conservative	
Investment Committee	Conservative	
Investment Committee Substitute	Conservative	