

BRECKLAND COUNCIL – 24 MAY 2012

REPORT OF THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF DEMOCRATIC SERVICES

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ANNUAL APPOINTMENT OF THE COMMITTEES AND OTHER REPRESENTATIVES AND CHAIRMEN AND VICE-CHAIRMEN 2012/13

Summary: The Council is requested to appoint:

- the under-mentioned non-executive Committee and Panel memberships for 2012/13
- the Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen of those Committees (*except where otherwise indicated*)
- Joint Committee representation

1. LEADER AND DEPUTY LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

In accordance with the changes to the Constitution confirmed at the Council meeting held on 12 May 2011, the Leader of the Council was elected at that meeting for a four year term.

Michael Wassell has been appointed as Deputy Leader by the Leader, in accordance with Standing Order No 20, as amended.

2. EXECUTIVE AND SUPPORT MEMBERS

To note the Executive Members appointed by the Leader in accordance with Clause C2 of the Delegation Agreement in the Constitution and the appointments made by the Leader to the corresponding Executive Member Support positions. These are:

Portfolio	Executive Member	Executive Support Member
Finance & Democratic Services	Michael Wassell	Ellen Jolly
Performance & Business Development	Ian Sherwood	Claire Bowes
Localism, Community & Environmental Services	Lynda Turner	Mark Robinson
Planning & Environmental Services	Elizabeth Gould	William Richmond
Assets & Strategic Development	Mark Kiddle-Morris	Frank Sharpe
Internal Services	William Smith	Phillip Duigan

3. APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES

In non-election years in the past, the Council has re-appointed Committees en bloc, except for changes required for convenience or practical reasons.

Nominations to seats in accordance with the political balance allocation, is a matter for the respective Groups. The allocation of seats among Groups on Committees is subject to the overriding requirement to allocate the total number of seats available in proportion; this allows some scope for adjustment to the balance shown for individual Committees, particularly where proportions mean that Labour and "Others" share allocations. The overriding allocation, for the 60 seats subject to political balance resulting from the restructure before the Council for approval, is Con: 50, Lab: 6, Others: 4.

Except where otherwise indicated, Council is asked to appoint Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen.

Current memberships and allocations of seats are as follows and include substitutes (two Conservative, one opposition) for Committees.

Planning Committee

Constitution: 12 members, politically balanced, with allocation of seats as follows:-

Claire Bowes	Trevor Carter
Carl Clark	Elizabeth Gould (Chairman)
Terry Lamb	Jenny North
William Richmond	Mark Robinson
Frank Sharpe	Pam Spencer
Michael Wassell	Nigel Wilkin (Vice Chairman)

Substitutes: Phillip Duigan (Con) Brian Rose (Con) Terry Jermy (Lab)

Overview and Scrutiny Commission

Constitution: 12 members, politically balanced, with allocation of seats as follows:-

Alec Byrne	Charles Carter
Philip Cowen (Chairman)	Keith Gilbert
Diana Irving	Terry Jermy (Vice Chairman)
Adrian Joel	Robert Kybird
Shirley Matthews	Robert Richmond
John Rogers	Brian Rose

Substitutes: Gordon Bambridge (Con) Claire Bowes (Con) Sylvia Armes (Lab)

(Membership to include up to three Task & Finish Group Chairmen)

Executive Members are excluded from appointment to the Commission.

General Purposes

Constitution: 12 members – politically balanced, with allocation of seats as follows:-

Gordon Bambridge	Bill Borrett
Carl Clark	Richard Duffield (Chairman)
Phillip Duigan (Vice Chairman)	Bernard English
Stuart Green	Shirley Matthews
Pauline Quadling	Bryan Skull
Ann Steward	David Williams

Substitutes: Ellen Jolly (Con) Kate Millbank (Con) Terry Jermy (Lab)

Licensing Committee

Constitution: 12 members – politically balanced, with allocation of seats as follows:-

Sylvia Armes	Paul Darby
Ellen Jolly	Terry Lamb
Keith Martin	Kate Millbank
Thomas Monument	John Rogers
Ian Sherwood (Chairman)	Pam Spencer (Vice Chairman)
Michael Wassell	Nigel Wilkin

Substitutes: Claire Bowes (Con) Alec Byrne (Con) Vacancy (Lab/Ind)

Appeals Committee

Constitution: 6 members – politically balanced, with allocation of seats as follows:-

Sylvia Armes	Gordon Bambridge
Richard Duffield	Linda Monument (Chairman)
Ian Sherwood (Vice Chairman)	Michael Wassell

Substitutes: Bernard English (Con) William Richmond (Con) Vacancy (Lab/Ind)

Audit Committee

Constitution: 6 members – politically balanced, with allocation of seats as follows:-

Robert Childerhouse	Lady Fisher
Terry Jermy	Cliff Jordan (Chairman)
Robert Kybird (Vice Chairman)	Simon Rogers

Plus two independent, non-voting advisors.

Substitutes: Charles Carter (Con) Richard Duffield (Con) Vacancy (Lab/Ind)

Standards Committee – until 30 June 2012 (or later to resolve any outstanding cases under the existing regime)

Constitution: 8 members – 3 Breckland Councillors, 2 Independent Members and 3 Parish Representatives.

(Not required to be politically balanced)

Shirley Matthews	Frank Sharpe
David Williams	

The Chairman, who is required to be one of the independent co-opted Members, is appointed by the Committee itself.

Joint Appointments Committee

Constitution: 8 members (4 from Breckland and 4 from South Holland) – politically balanced, with allocation of Breckland seats as follows:-

Terry Jermy	William Nunn
William Smith	Adrian Stasiak

Plus Vacancy for one named member (from each Council) who may act as a substitute

Joint Appointments Appeals Committee

(can not be the same Members as the Joint Appointments Committee)

Constitution: 8 members (4 from Breckland and 4 from South Holland) – politically balanced, with allocation of Breckland seats as follows:-

Carl Clark	Paul Claussen
Mark Kiddle-Morris	Lynda Turner

Plus Vacancy for one named member (from each Council) who may act as a substitute

Local Joint Consultative

Constitution: 5 Breckland Councillors (4 named members plus one “floating” Cabinet Member) and two substitute members and 5 Staff Representatives and two substitute representatives.

(Not required to be politically balanced. Chairman and Vice-Chairman of this Joint Committee are appointed at its first meeting in accordance with its constitution and rules.)

Robert Kybird	Keith Martin
Shirley Matthews	David Williams (Chairman)

Substitutes: Ian Sherwood, Nigel Wilkin

Anglia Revenues and Benefits Partnership Joint Committee

Two Breckland representatives to be appointed to the Joint Committee.

Paul Claussen William Smith

Substitutes: Gordon Bambridge, Phillip Duigan

Member Development Panel

Constitution: 6 Members, to include representation from all groups

Gordon Bambridge	Keith Gilbert
Stuart Green	Terry Jermy
William Richmond	Ian Sherwood (Chairman)

4. OPTIONS AVAILABLE

To agree or not to agree to the recommendations.

5. REASON FOR MAKING RECOMMENDATIONS

To comply with Standing Orders No.30 (Appointment of Committees for non-executive functions) and No.35 (Election of Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen of Committees).

6. RECOMMENDATION

That Council appoints for 2012/13 the Committees and Sub-Committees listed in paragraph 3 above

- (1) Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen (if applicable) of the standing Committees except where otherwise indicated
- (2) Breckland representatives on the Anglia Revenues and Benefits Partnership Joint Committee.