

## Council

23 May 2017

### Appointment to External Bodies

#### Recommendation

That the Council appoints to the bodies listed at section 2 of this report

*(A proposed framework of recommendations is set out at the appendix)*

#### 1.0 Background

- 1.1 The current Constitution sets out how appointments are made. Appointments to some key strategic bodies are reserved for Council and some appointments are made by the Leader/Cabinet. The majority of appointments are made by Regulatory Committee.
- 1.2 A fundamental survey of the organisations to which the County Council appoints representatives was undertaken in 2013 to ensure appointments remained appropriate and of value to the Council and/or the organisation. A light touch review has been undertaken this year to ensure the bodies still exist and require County Council representation. This report seeks agreement to appointments to the key strategic bodies that are reserved for Council. The Leader will be invited to approve appointment to ESPO (see Leader Decision agenda) and it is proposed that a report is presented to a future meeting of the Regulatory Committee to agree appointments to the remaining bodies within their remit.

#### 2.0 Appointments

##### 2.1 Warwickshire Police and Crime Panel

The Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 established the arrangements for Police and Crime Commissioners and for Police and Crime Panels.

##### Remit

The Panel's overall objective is to support the effective exercise of the functions of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Warwickshire (the Commissioner). The Panel has a formal role in considering the PCC's proposed precept and his Police and Crime Plan. It also has formal powers in

relation to the appointment of chief constables and senior staff of the Police and Crime Commissioner i.e. any deputy commissioner, chief executive or chief financial officer.

### Membership

The Police and Crime Panels are joint committees of the principal authorities in a police area, which in Warwickshire means the County Council and the five district borough councils.

The composition of the panel has to meet the principle of 'fair representation'. This means that each council within the police area must have at least one member. The composition should also take account of, as far as practical, both political and geographical proportionality, which means:

Councillor members when taken together should

- Represent all parts of the police area,
- Represent the political make-up of the relevant authorities when taken together
- Have the skills, knowledge and experience necessary for the police and crime panel to discharge its functions effectively

Warwickshire has a panel of 10 elected members and two independent members (non-councillors).

Each Council is allocated a seat on the Panel (taking the first six places) and the County Council then appoints to the remaining four places so that it can ensure that the fair representation principle and the balanced appointment objective can be met and to seek to ensure that each district/borough administrative area has a county councillor from that area.

The appointments need to be reviewed annually to ensure the fair representation principle and balanced appointment objective continue to be met in the light of ordinary elections in any of the constituent authorities.

The allocation of seats (taking into account the number of seats held by each group across the Districts, Boroughs and the County Council) should be in total: 6 Conservative, 3 Labour and 1 Liberal Democrat.

The current district/borough representation is as follows:

North Warwickshire Borough Council	- Cllr David Reilly (Cons)
Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council	- Cllr Gwynne Pomfrett (Lab)
Rugby Borough Council	- Cllr Derek Poole (Cons)
Stratford District Council	- Cllr Stephen Gray (Cons)
Warwick District Council	- Cllr Andrew Thompson (Cons)*

\* *new appointee from 11 May*

The County Council has five places to fill (one from each administrative area of the County). The Council is invited to appoint 2 Conservatives, 2 Labour and 1 Liberal Democrat. If this follows the allocation in 2016/17 this will be:

North Warwickshire	..... Labour.....
Nuneaton and Bedworth	.....Labour.....
Rugby	.....Conservative.....
Stratford	.....Conservative.....
Warwick	.....Liberal Democrat.....

## 2.2 Coventry and Warwickshire Local Enterprise Partnership Company (CWLEP)

The CWLEP is a company limited by guarantee. It is an alliance of private and public sector organisations with the key objective being ‘to grow the local economy, attract new jobs and investment and increase prosperity’.

Membership 1 County Councillor

The CWLEP has recently revised its Constitution so that each local authority in Coventry and Warwickshire has one seat. The County Council appointed the Deputy Leader of the Council on 21 March 2017 subject to review at this meeting.

## 2.3 Local Pension Board

The Local Pension Board was established under the Public Services Pensions Act 2013 and its key role is to assist the scheme manager ‘to secure the effective and efficient governance and administration of the Local Government Pension Scheme (LGPS) for the Warwickshire Pension Fund’ The Board does not have decision making powers in relation to the Fund but may refer issues to the Pensions Regulator and has the ability to hear disputes employers may have with the fund.

Membership: 2 County Councillors – one as an employer representative and one a scheme member representative.

The total membership is 7 (3 pension scheme member representatives, 3 employer representatives to include one elected member acting for the county council, one precepting employer and one non-precepting employer). An independent representative is also appointed following a recruitment process and chairs the Board.

No substitutions are allowed.

There is also a Fire Local Pension Board that does not include councillor representatives but does have an independent chair.

The Council is invited to appoint two county councillors to the Local Pension

Board and to confirm the appointment of Keith Bray as independent Chair of both the Local Pension Board and the Warwickshire Fire and Rescue Local Pension Board

## 2.4 Warwickshire Waste Partnership

This Partnership with the districts and boroughs is responsible for development of the Warwickshire Waste Strategy.

Membership – 5 County Councillors

Plus a representative from each of the Warwickshire District and Borough Councils.

## 2.5 Local Government Association (LGA), County Councils Network and associated bodies

The LGA is the membership organisation of local authorities in England and Wales. Its purpose is to support authorities who can at any time seek advice or raise any matter of concern (and where appropriate matters go to the relevant board). The LGA has a role in promoting and sharing good practise but its key function is to lobby on behalf of local government.

### LGA General Assembly

The Assembly meets annually and '*acts as the parliament for local government*'.

Membership

Four County Councillors reflecting the political balance of the groups on the Council. The four members carry five votes between them (i.e. equal to the number of districts/boroughs in the county area).

The Council is invited to appoint **four members** carrying a total **of five votes** and to allocate votes to each member. The LGA require notification of membership by 7 June 2017

The members will be invited to the **LGA Annual General Assembly Meeting on Tuesday 4 July, 11.45 am at the International Convention Centre, Birmingham** (named substitutes are allowed as are up to additional councillors/members as observers). The four members appointed to the Assembly plus others may choose to stay for the whole Annual Conference (4- 6 July). (Group Leaders should confirm with the Democratic Services Manager whom they consider should attend the conference as soon as possible so that bookings can be made.)

The allocation of votes should be proportionate to the size of group as follows:

2 Conservatives ..... with 3 votes  
1 Labour ..... with 1 vote  
1 Liberal Democrat ..... with 1 vote

### County Councils Network

This is a special interest group of the LGA representing the interests of County Councils in membership.

The Council can appoint four members.

2 Conservatives .....  
1 Labour .....  
1 Liberal Democrat .....

### Fire Commission

The Fire Commission provides a focus for the needs and concerns of fire authorities. The Commission meets next on 13 October 2017

The Council is invited to appoint one member.

### Background Papers

None.

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## Appointment to External Bodies

## Item 8 Appendix

(1) That the Council appoints to the following external/partnership bodies:

	<b>Conservative</b>	<b>Labour</b>	<b>Liberal Democrat</b>
Police and Crime Panel (5)	2	2	1
LEP	1		
Local Pension Board	1	1	
Waste Partnership	3	1	1
LGA (votes)	2 (3)	1 (1)	1 (1)
CCN	2	1	1
LGA Fire	1		

(2) That Council confirms the appointment of Keith Bray as independent Chair of the Local Pension Board and Chair of the Warwickshire Fire and Rescue Local Pension Board.