

**CAMBRIDGESHIRE AND PETERBOROUGH COMBINED AUTHORITY –  
SCRUTINY ARRANGEMENTS**

*To:* **Full Council**

*Date:* **14th February 2017**

*From:* **The Monitoring Officer**

*Purpose:* **This report requests the Council to appoint two representatives to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee of the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority.**

*Recommendation:* **Council is recommended to appoint two members (one from the Conservative Group and one from the UKIP Group) onto the Overview and Scrutiny Committee of the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority.**

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## 1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1 The Council on 22 November 2016, agreed to being a constituent member of the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority. This includes a requirement under the draft Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Devolution Order 2016 (Overview and Scrutiny Committees) (Ref 22 November 2016, Appendix 1B) to establish an Overview and Scrutiny Committee. The scrutiny arrangements were summarised in that Council report (ref: Appendix 1C).
- 1.2 The composition of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee must reflect the political balance across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough. To ensure an equitable representation across each constituent authority, two members from each Council will be appointed to the Committee representing a total membership of fourteen members.

## 2. CONCLUSION

- 2.1 The implications of applying political proportionality to a fourteen member Overview and Scrutiny Committee are detailed in **Appendix 1**. Cambridgeshire County Council is required to appoint two members (one from the Conservative Group and one from the UKIP Group). Although the formal Combined Authority will not be established until February, the appointment of members to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee will enable them to begin discussions on the practical arrangements for the scrutiny of the Combined Authority.

## 3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS/EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

- 3.1 There are no financial implications arising from these proposals.

## 4. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 The Draft Combined Authorities (Overview and Scrutiny Committees, Access to Information and Audit Committees) Order 2016 regulations currently before Parliament state "The combined authority must (a) appoint such a number of members of each of the constituent councils to an overview and scrutiny committee, so 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."

Source Documents	Location
Agenda and Minutes of Full Council – 22 November 2016	<a href="https://cmis.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/ccclive/Meetings/tabid/70/ctl/ViewMeetingPublic/mid/397/Meeting/487/Committee/20/Default.aspx">https://cmis.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/ccclive/Meetings/tabid/70/ctl/ViewMeetingPublic/mid/397/Meeting/487/Committee/20/Default.aspx</a>