

RIBBLE VALLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL REPORT TO POLICY AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

meeting date: TUESDAY 23 JANUARY 2024
title: MEMBERSHIP OF WORKING GROUPS
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1 PURPOSE

1.1 For Committee to consider the membership of the Working Groups under the remit of this Committee for the remainder of the municipal year 2023/2024.

1.2 Relevance to the Council's objectives and priorities –

- Community Objectives – to be a well-managed council providing effective services.
- Corporate Priorities - to protect and enhance the existing environmental quality of our area; to help make people's lives healthier and safer.
- Other Considerations – to work in partnership with other bodies in pursuit of the Council's aims and objectives.

2 BACKGROUND

2.1 Committee approved the appointment of Members to the Working Groups under the remit of this Committee for 2023/24 on 20 June 2023.

2.2 Based on the then political balance the allocations and membership were agreed as follows:

- **Voluntary Organisation Grants** – consisted of two Conservatives, one Liberal Democrat, one Labour, and one Independent Group Councillor.

Councillors R Newmark, L Edge, S Fletcher, A Wilkins-Odudu, D Birtwhistle.

- **Budget Working Group** - consisted of three Conservatives, one Liberal Democrat, one Labour, one Independent Group Councillor, and one Green Councillor.

Councillors S Atkinson, S Hore, S Hirst, S Fletcher, L Jameson, J Rogerson, G McCrum.

- **UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF)** – consisted of two Conservatives, one Liberal Democrat, one Labour and one Independent Councillor.

Councillors S Atkinson, S Hore, S Fletcher, L Jameson, J Rogerson.

- **Corporate Strategy** – consisted of three Conservatives, one Liberal Democrat, one Labour, one Independent Group Councillor, and one Green Councillor.

Councillors S Atkinson, S Hore, K Horkin, S Fletcher, A Wilkins-Odudu, D Birtwhistle, G McCrum

3 ISSUES

3.1 Following political group changes, the revised membership of the Policy and Finance Committee based on the new political balance was confirmed at the meeting of the Full Council 12 December 2023 as follows:

CONSERVATIVE (7)	LIBERAL DEMOCRAT (2)	LABOUR (3)	PROGRESSIVE LIBERAL GROUP (1)	INDEPENDENT GROUP (2)	GREEN (0)	INDEPENDENT (0)
Stephen Atkinson (C)	Simon O'Rourke	Aaron Wilkins-Odudu	Stewart Fletcher	David Birtwhistle		
Sue Bibby	Jonathan Hill	Lee Jameson		Jim Rogerson		
Louise Edge		Michael Graveston				
Stuart Hirst						
Simon Hore (VC)						
Kevin Horkin						
Ricky Newmark						

3.2 Councillors M French and G McCrum are no longer Members of this Committee, and Councillors S O'Rourke and M Graveston have been added as Members of this Committee.

3.3 The Budget and Corporate Strategy Working Groups require replacement Members for Cllr G McCrum.

3.4 There is no longer a Liberal Democrat representative on any of the Working Groups

3.5 Committee are therefore asked to consider the allocations and confirm the membership of the Working groups under the remit of this Committee for remainder of the 2023/24 municipal year.

4 RISK ASSESSMENT

4.1 The approval of this report may have the following implications: -

- Resources – the costs associated with working groups are included in the budget for 2023/24.
- Technical, Environment and Legal – none.
- Political – none.
- Reputation – none.

5 RECOMMENDED THAT COMMITTEE:

5.1 Consider and agree the membership of the Working Groups under the remit of this Committee for the remainder of the municipal year 2023/24.

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BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 1 Agenda and Minutes of Policy and Finance Committee 20 June 2023
- 2 Agenda and Minutes of Full Council 12 December 2023

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