

Report to:	Northants CALC AGM
Tabled on:	17 October 2015
Agenda Ref:	Item 3 – To receive the recommendations of the Appointments Panel on persons to be appointed to the board of directors for 2015/16
Originated by:	Danny Moody, Chief Executive

The board has operated effectively throughout the year. In July 2015 Michael Heaton resigned from Spratton Parish Council and would have been ineligible for re-appointment as a director at this AGM. He therefore resigned his position as a director in August 2015. The vacancy will be advertised with a closing date for applications of 5 November 2015 and interviews will take place on 12 November 2015. There have been no other leavers or joiners in the year.

The Appointments Panel met on 8 October 2015 and reviewed the self-assessment forms submitted by the seven directors seeking re-appointment.

The persons recommended for re-appointment at the AGM, who are all serving councillors or clerks at member councils in Northamptonshire, are:

No.	Name	Qualifying Council	Type of Appointment
1.	Peter Allen	Towcester Town Council	Re-appointment
2.	Peter Byng	Silverstone Parish Council	Re-appointment
3.	Linda Carter	Brackley Town Council	Re-appointment
4.	Lynn Lavender	Duston Parish Council	Re-appointment
5.	Richard Lewis	Rushden Town Council	Re-appointment
6.	John Marshall	Ashton Parish Council	Re-appointment
7.	Lynne Taylor	Daventry Town Council	Re-appointment
8.	Vacancy	-	-

The Appointments Panel recommends that the seven candidates be re-appointed en bloc by the AGM to the board of directors for the year 2015/16.

Vacancies

As vacancies occur on the board during the year they will be advertised to all parish and town councils in membership of Northants CALC. Any councillor or clerk may apply. The Appointments Panel will recruit against the Association's "Board Composition & Diversity Policy" and will recommend a preferred candidate to the board of directors for appointment. A newly appointed director will serve until the next AGM and may seek re-appointment thereafter.

Delegates to the AGM are particularly encouraged to consider the current vacancy, details of which are available on the Northants CALC web site.

Meet the Candidates

<p>My wife and I have lived in Towcester since 1976 and I have served as an independent parish & town councillor for more than 29 years. My first exposure to Northants CALC was being sent, some 28 years ago, on their courses in an attempt to turn me into an effective local councillor. This has served me well over the years, and left me with a high regard for the work of the Association and five years ago I was honoured to be nominated and elected to the then County Committee. We are undoubtedly in a challenging, and possibly rewarding, time for local councils and the communities we serve. The contribution and support of the Association could prove particularly crucial to councils of all sizes at this time. If re-appointed to the Board I would be pleased to continue to make the commitment the roll deserves.</p>	 <p>Peter Allen</p>
<p>Member of Northants CALC Committee, then Board for 5 years; currently Vice-Chairman. Member of Silverstone Parish Council for 31 years, currently Chairman for the second time. Lay Reader, Hockey Umpire assessor. Editor of the village newspaper and benefice magazines. Now retired, previously a qualified careers adviser working initially in schools, then with adults and prison inmates. On the Board of previous employer's pension scheme as a member nominated trustee. Chartered Secretary. Coming from a family in which "service" to the community, whether social, political or religious was the norm, I've continued that tradition within my now home village and see membership of the Northants CALC Board as a logical continuum of that. I have a strong belief in the need to weigh up the facts before weighing in with an opinion.</p>	 <p>Peter Byng</p>
<p>I have been involved in Town and Parish Councils for 20 years now, firstly as a Community Development Officer and then Deputy Town Clerk in Bedfordshire, followed by three years as CEO of a large parish in Milton Keynes, which was 'split' following a Community Governance Review. I spent a year as a consultant and locum clerk working for a number of smaller parishes and town councils, before being appointed as Town Clerk in Brackley. I am a Fellow of the Institute of Local Council Management and have represented both Bedfordshire and Buckinghamshire on the National Executive Committee of the SLCC. I undertake job evaluations under the SLCC/NALC joint agreement as well as having been an elected Clerk representative on the NALC Larger Local Councils Committee. I am passionate about local councils and achieving recognition for the varied roles that Clerks carry out as 'part of the job'.</p>	 <p>Linda Carter</p>
<p>I am currently the Parish Executive Officer at Duston Parish Council. I am CiLCA qualified and hold a Masters in Community Education. Professionally I have considerable experience within the Third Sector and more recently the Local Council Sector, of operational and strategic management at a local, regional and national level. I have a strong commitment to community development and equal opportunities. Firmly believing in active participation and involvement of local people in the planning and delivery of local services. A particular interest in quality assurance processes led me to join the internal audit team at Northants CALC and I have been impressed with the support offered by Northants CALC. I relish the chance to continue on the board to help further the influence and effectiveness of the Association. On a personal level I have two lovely daughters, I like to travel and enjoy reading.</p>	 <p>Lynn Lavender</p>

I am now in my eleventh year as a member of Rushden Town Council and have been on the Board of Northants CALC for some 4 years. I am a firm believer in Northants CALC as an organisation, not only in bringing coordinated strength to the representation of over 200 county parishes but also in providing a wide range of services and advice on tap to the parishes. I have also been a District Councillor for eight years and have experience of chairing meetings at this level. I am also involved with other organisations which operate county wide. I believe that this experience and knowledge is very useful to Northants CALC in both balancing the board with large and small parish representation and additionally assisting Northants CALC in working with its partners at the different county levels.



Richard Lewis

I retired from full-time employment in 2008 and became involved with Northants CALC in 2009, since which time I have served on the Executive Committee and the Steering Group that delivered the transition from the previous committee structure to today's limited company. I was a Parish Councillor for 6 years when living in Hampshire and am currently a member of Roade Parish Council. As a CiLCA qualified working Clerk to Ashton PC, I am a member of the Northants CALC Internal Audit Team (I currently audit more than 30 Town and Parish Councils in Northamptonshire) and I undertake occasional projects including training, establishing new Parish Councils and assisting Councils with legal problems, all of which enables me to contribute knowledge, experience and balance to Northants CALC's work.



John Marshall

Northants CALC offers its member councils a comprehensive service, through advice, training and support. I believed I could offer my experience to our sector and was elected to join the County Committee in 2008. Since then I have continued to be part of an active team of directors who have helped to shape the future direction of Northants CALC. I also represent Northants CALC at the National Association of Local Councils (NALC), where national issues surrounding parish and town councils are discussed. I have served at Daventry Town Council since its inauguration in 2003. I owned a successful day nursery, employing 15 staff, for twenty years until I retired in 2010. My husband and I are Northampton Saints supporters and have held season tickets for many years.



Lynne Taylor