

Report to:	Northants CALC AGM
Tabled on:	8 October 2016
Agenda Ref:	Item 3 – To receive the recommendations of the Appointments Panel on persons to be appointed to the board of directors for 2016/17
Originated by:	Danny Moody, Chief Executive

The board has operated effectively throughout the year. In March 2016 John Marshall resigned from the board for family reasons. The vacancy was filled by Sara Homer from Wootton Parish Council. Linda Carter has announced her intention to stand down at the AGM so there will be a vacancy to fill.

The Appointments Panel reviewed the self-assessment forms submitted by the seven directors seeking re-appointment and resolved that all be put forward to the AGM for consideration.

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.	Sara Homer	Wootton Parish Council	Re-appointment
4.	Lynn Lavender	Duston Parish Council	Re-appointment
5.	Richard Lewis	Rushden Town Council	Re-appointment
6.	Mike Scott	Great Addington 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 2016/17.

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 will be on the Northants CALC web site soon.

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 30 years. My first exposure to Northants CALC was being sent, some 29 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 six 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 6 years; currently Vice-Chairman. Member of Silverstone Parish Council for 32 years. Lay Reader. 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 am chairman of Wootton Parish Council in Northampton and bring to the Association a wealth of business experience. For my day job I am Executive Chairman of Brackmills Industrial Estate Limited, a Business Improvement District (BID) company. I have been instrumental in securing major benefits for Brackmills making it safer and better for the businesses located there. My interests include outward bound activities, horse riding, anything concerning tall ships and "anything adrenalin fuelled". I joined the board of Northants CALC in April 2016 filling the vacancy left by the resignation of John Marshall. In that time I have become an active member of the board and my contacts within local government and at the Local Enterprise Partnerships have proved invaluable.</p>	 <p>Sara Homer</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 twelfth year as a member of Rushden Town Council and have been on the Board of Northants CALC for some 5 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 nine 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 have been a councillor for Great Addington Parish Council for 4 years and believe that this is an important part of civic life as well as contributing to our community, especially given the push toward greater devolution and all the opportunities that this has to offer. Having lived with my wife in Northamptonshire for the past 30 years I recently retired as a CEO for a global business operating in a highly regulated environment and felt I had the right kind of experience and skill sets to offer NCALC when they were looking for a new board member. Since joining NCALC I have played an active part in helping to formulate their strategy going forward and as Internal Controls Director have worked with the CEO to refine our internal control process. I believe that in today's society organisations in public service need to take in to account best practice from all types of organisations including those in the private sector and I think this is something I can offer NCALC going forward.



Mike Scott

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