

Report to:	Northants CALC AGM
Tabled on:	7 October 2017
Agenda Ref:	Item 4 – To receive the recommendations of the Appointments Panel on persons to be appointed to the board of directors for 2017/18
Originated by:	Danny Moody, Chief Executive

The board has operated effectively throughout the year. In November 2016 Fiona Baker joined the board to fill the vacancy left by the resignation of Linda Carter. In June 2017 Peter Byng, who had been chairman, passed away. The vacancy was filled by Gill Wells.

The Appointments Panel reviewed the self-assessment forms submitted by directors seeking re-appointment and resolved that all should 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
1.	Peter Allen	Towcester Town Council
2.	Fiona Baker	Brackley Town Council
3.	Sara Homer	Wootton Parish Council
4.	Lynn Lavender	Litchborough Parish Council
5.	Richard Lewis	Rushden Town Council
6.	Mike Scott	Great Addington Parish Council
7.	Lynne Taylor	Daventry Town Council
8.	Gill Wells	West Haddon and Upton Parish Councils

The Appointments Panel recommends that the eight candidates named above be re-appointed en bloc by the AGM to the board of directors for the year 2017/18.

### **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.

## Meet the Candidates

<p>My wife and I have lived in Towcester since 1976 and I have served as an independent parish &amp; 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><b>Peter Allen</b></p>
<p>I am delighted to be a member of the Board of Northants CALC. As a Brackley Town Councillor, a South Northants District Councillor, and as of May 2017 a Northamptonshire County Councillor, I have been able to experience first-hand the benefits that membership offers to its member Councils. My own career has given me valuable experience in both the public and private sectors. For 15 years I worked in Leisure Management with Cherwell District Council, which was followed by 10 years working for a PR and Advertising Agency which I co-owned with my husband. During the latter period I was also President of the Cheltenham Chamber of Commerce. I believe this broad base, together with a pragmatic approach to all matters, will enable me to continue to make a distinctive contribution to Northants CALC's future development.</p>	 <p><b>Fiona Baker</b></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><b>Sara Homer</b></p>
<p>I am currently Clerk to Litchborough 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 has lead 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><b>Lynn Lavender</b></p>

I am now in my thirteenth year as a member of Rushden Town Council and have been on the Board of Northants CALC for some 6 years. I have served Northants CALC as Vice Chair for 2 years and as Chair for 3 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 10 years and have experience of chairing meetings at this level. Additionally I am involved with other organisations which operate county wide. I believe that this experience and knowledge is very useful to Northants CALC in firstly balancing the board with large and small parish representation, but secondly in assisting Northants CALC to work with its partners at the different county levels, particularly in these times of uncertainty regarding the future structure of the county's councils.



**Richard Lewis**

I have been a councillor for Great Addington Parish Council for 5 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. I have lived with my wife in Northamptonshire for the past 30 years and having recently retired as a CEO for a global business operating in a highly regulated environment I felt I had the right kind of experience and skill sets to offer NCALC. As Internal Controls Director last year and National Council representative this year, I have worked with the other board members and the CEO to continue to help the organisation develop and move forward. 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 continue to offer NCALC going forward.



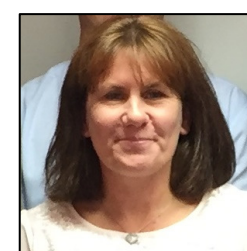
**Mike Scott**

Northants CALC offers its member councils a comprehensive service, through advice, training and support and I believed I could offer my experience to our sector and was elected to join the original County Committee in 2008. Since then I have continued to be part of an active team of directors who have shaped the future direction of Northants CALC. I have been a councillor for Daventry Town Council since its formation in 2003 and am the current chairman. I'm retired, busy with family, and my husband and I are season ticket holders at Northampton Saints and hoping for a turnaround in their fortunes this year!



**Lynne Taylor**

I am a Parish Clerk to 2 Parish Councils in Northamptonshire, one urban and the other rural, and I am well versed in the services NCALC offers its members. Being aware of the issues / pressures currently facing local authorities with regard to planning; finances; service delivery; policy revisions,, to name but just a few, I am pleased to be able to take part in the organisation and aide decisions which will support the hard work of community based Councils in Northamptonshire. This is an exciting and challenging time for local authorities requiring strong leadership, commitment and innovation which I hope and intend to emulate as I join the team of Directors at NCALC.



**Gill Wells**

On a personal level, I have lived in Northamptonshire all of my life bar 3 years when away studying. I have 2 teenage daughters, a husband, 5 horses and 3 dogs. Indeed, when not Clerking, I am usually enjoying the less glamorous side of horse ownership i.e. Mucking out or out and about enjoying our beautiful countryside.