

Report to:	Northants CALC AGM
Tabled on:	5 October 2019
Agenda Ref:	Item 3 – To receive the recommendations of the Appointments Panel on persons to be appointed to the board of directors for 2019/20
Originated by:	Danny Moody, Chief Executive

Two directors, Fiona Baker and Sara Homer left during 2018/19. Both vacancies were filled via a competitive selection process and the new directors are Chris Horsman (joined April 2019) and Julia Tufnail (joined July 2019).

The Appointments Panel reviewed the self-assessment forms submitted in August 2019 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.	Chris Horsman	Little Stanion Parish Council
3.	Lynn Lavender	Litchborough Parish Council
4.	Richard Lewis	Rushden Town Council
5.	Mike Scott	Great Addington Parish Council
6.	Lynne Taylor	Daventry Town Council
7.	Julia Tufnail	Finedon Town Council
8.	Gill Wells	West Haddon Parish Council

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 2019/20.

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 & town councillor for more than 30 years. My first exposure to Northants CALC was being sent, shortly after I was first elected, 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. Ten years ago, I was honoured to be nominated and elected to the then County Committee. With Northamptonshire County & district councils about to transition to unitary status, our parish & town councils, together with the communities we serve, will undoubtedly be facing some challenging, and possibly rewarding times over the next few years. The contribution and support of the Association could prove particularly crucial to councils of all sizes over this period and 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>I have been Chairman of Little Stanion Parish Council since its formation in April 2018. Prior to that I was a Councillor for Stanion Parish Council which had previously been responsible for both Stanion and its "Little" neighbour on the other side of A43. Starting a new PC from scratch has been an interesting and challenging time. Getting the essential documentation in place, taking on new Councillors, challenging the planning authority on the final phase of development in the village and creating and actioning a PC 2-year plan has taken many enjoyable hours. In late 2018 the Parish Council and the Little Stanion Village Association joined forces so that the Village Association became the fourth committee of the Council. Our key aim is to transform our relatively new development into a village community and all that that entails.</p>	 <p>Chris Horsman</p>
<p>I am Clerk to Ashton, Hartwell and Litchborough Parish Councils. 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 I enjoy reading.</p>	 <p>Lynn Lavender</p>
<p>I am in my fifteenth year as a member of Rushden Town Council and have been on the Board of Northants CALC for 8 years. I 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 12 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.</p>	 <p>Richard Lewis</p>

I have been a councillor for Great Addington Parish Council for 6 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 previously and National Assembly 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 parishes an excellent support package and I felt I could offer my experience as a Daventry Town Councillor and was pleased to be elected to join the original County Committee in 2008 and have since continued to be an active director of NCALC. I'm 'retired', busy with family, and my husband I are avid supporters of Northampton Saints Rugby.



Lynne Taylor

As clerk to both Finedon and Little Stanion, I have come to appreciate the work that NCALC does on behalf of its members. I was thrilled to be appointed as a director last July and, if re-elected, look forward to continuing in my new role. I believe that NCALC is in a unique position during the transition to the two unitary authorities. There are many challenges facing our sector right now, and a strong county association is imperative, enabling local councils to steer their way through the labyrinth in a measured and professional way, through training, seminars and direct advice. I am currently studying for the Community Governance Degree at De Montfort University and have developed a keen interest in sustainability in the local government sector. We are in a unique position to make a real difference to climate change. From my position within NCALC I hope to take this forward, encouraging local councils to start the assessment process. Sustainability doesn't just apply to planning; we all have a part to play! From small steps, big things can happen. I am also an Internal Auditor for NCALC helping to deliver a highly respected and co-ordinated service used by many of our local councils. The Internal Audit Service ensures our local councils are professionally run in terms of both statute and best practice, raising standards in our sector, a vital part of NCALC.



Julia Tufnail

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 part of the board at NCALC. 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.



Gill Wells