1 Purpose of the report

1.1 To consider the appointment of Committees, Sub-Committees and Joint Committees, including the appointment of Substitute Members, and to the Combined Authority and AGMA bodies for 2015/16.

2 Recommendations

2.1 Council determine the membership of Committees and Sub-Committees for 2015/16 as set out in the Appendix to this report in accordance with political balance arrangements set out in the report to agenda item 13.

2.2 The allocation of the Offices of Chair and Vice-Chair of various Committees be determined.

2.3 Substitute Members be appointed in respect of each Committee on the basis set out in paragraph 3.5.

2.4 The Council and the Leader of the Council, as appropriate, determine the appointment of Members to various Joint Committees, Combined Authority and AGMA related bodies as set out in the Appendix to this report.

3 Background

3.1 Details of the proposed membership arrangements for the various Committees, Sub-Committees, Joint Committees and other appointments for 2015/16 are appended to this report. The Appendix also includes the provisions of Procedure Rules relating to the composition of those Committees and Sub-Committees and, insofar as appointment to GMCA and AGMA bodies is concerned, where specific appointments are required and/or where the appointment is an executive function of the Leader of the Council.

3.2 A separate report appears elsewhere on this agenda at item 13 indicating how the Regulations under the Local Government & Housing Act 1989 affect the political balance of various Committees and Sub-Committees.
3.3 A separate report appears on this agenda at item 12 indicating the membership of the Township Committees and Sub-Committees for the Municipal Year 2014/15, which are not affected by political balance requirements.

3.4 **Chairs and Vice-Chairs of Committees**

A Majority Group could automatically take the positions of Chair and Vice-Chair of the following committees:

- Audit and Governance Committee
- Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee
- Health, Children and Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee
- Communities, Regeneration and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee
- Planning and Licensing Committee
- Employment and Equalities Committee
- Charitable Trustee Committee
- Appointments Committee (ad hoc)
- Disciplinary Committee (ad hoc)
- Appeals Committees (ad hoc)
- Disputes Committees (ad hoc)

3.5 **Substitute Members**

Substitute Members can be appointed in respect of the following Committees:

- Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee
- Health, Children and Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee
- Communities, Regeneration and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee
- Employment Committee
- Charitable Trustee Committee

The number of substitute members to be appointed by any single Group to a particular Committee may not exceed the number of substantive members that Group has on that Committee, to a maximum of three substitutes. The maximum number of substitutes that each Group can appoint to individual Committees will be shown in the appendix to this report.

The substitute arrangements of the Licensing and Regulatory Committee are as detailed in the appendix to the political balance report at agenda item 13.

3.6 **Lead Member – Armed Forces/Rochdale Armed Forces Community Covenant**

Council has previously established a formal Lead Member role in respect of the Rochdale Armed Forces Community Covenant.

3.7 **Local Joint Health Scrutiny Committees**

The Joint Scrutiny Committees for the Pennine Acute Hospitals Trust and the Pennine Care (Mental Health) Trust comprise Members from the relevant local authorities. Rochdale MBC is entitled to three places on each Committee. It is not necessary that the political composition of each Committee reflects the overall political composition of all the relevant local authorities.
3.8 **Joint Committee – Strategic Procurement**

The Stockport, Trafford and Rochdale (STaR) Joint Committee concerning procurement matters comprises an executive member from each relevant authority.

3.9 **Greater Manchester Combined Authority (CA) and the Association of Greater Manchester Authorities (AGMA)**

Appointments are required in respect of the Greater Manchester Combined Authority (including the Transport for Greater Manchester Committee (TfGMC)), the AGMA Executive Board, the Joint Scrutiny Pool (covering the CA, TfGMC and the AGMA Executive Board, together with a range of associated Committees and other bodies) as detailed in appendix 2 to this report.

A number of nominations are also indicated in Appendix 2. Nominations are sought from the individual Councils, with final appointments being made by the CA or AGMA Executive Board, as appropriate, from the received.

There are a number of other bodies appointed to where appointments are made directly by the CA or AGMA Executive Board.

**Alternatives considered**

None.

4 **Financial Implications**

4.1 None applicable

5 **Legal Implications**

5.1 The matters contained within this report are consistent with relevant legislative requirements and the Council’s Constitution.

6 **Personnel Implications**

6.1 None applicable

7 **Risk Assessment Implications**

7.1 There are no specific risk issues for members to consider arising from this report

8 **Equalities Impacts**

8.1 **Workforce Equality Impacts Assessment**

There are no workforce equality issues arising from this report.

8.2 **Equality/Community Impact Assessments**

There are no significant equality/community issues arising from this report.

There are no background papers to this report