

Report to:	Northants CALC AGM
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Originated by:	Danny Moody, Chief Executive

One director, Julia Tufnail retired during 2019/20. The vacancy was filled via a selection process and the new director is Geoff Paul (joined July 2020).

The Appointments Panel reviewed the self-assessment forms submitted in August 2020 by directors seeking re-appointment and resolved that all existing directors should be put forward to the AGM for 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
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.	Geoff Paul	Moulton Parish Council
6.	Mike Scott	Great Addington Parish Council
7.	Lynne Taylor	Daventry 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 2020/21.

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 32 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 in the process transitioning 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 was Chairman of Little Stanion Parish Council [southeast of Corby] from its inception in 2018 until 2020 when I handed over the reins to another Councillor. I remain Chairman of the Planning Committee. I first became a Councillor at Stanion Parish Council, [neighbouring Council just over the A43]. At that time Stanion PC was responsible for Little Stanion as well. In 2018 we became a PC in our own right. Corby is in an active building development phase and many of the planning applications impact on the livelihoods of the residents of Little Stanion. This is as well as the continuing development of the village of Little Stanion, so the planning responsibly keeps me well occupied. Our preoccupation is often to get Corby Borough Council to respect and act on our concerns as a PC re planning applications. In my time as Chairman we developed a 2-year plan much of it aims to create a feeling amongst the residents of a village that is a safe and enjoyable place to live and work.</p>	 <p>Chris Horsman</p>
<p>I am Clerk to Ashton and Hartwell Parish Councils and an active member of the internal audit team at Northants CALC. I am CiLCA qualified and hold a Masters in Community Education. Professionally I have considerable experience within the Third Sector and 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. I relish the chance to continue on the board to help further the influence and effectiveness of the Association during these changing and exciting times. On a personal level I have two lovely daughters and a delightful grandson. I like to travel, and I enjoy reading.</p>	 <p>Lynn Lavender</p>
<p>I have been a Town Councillor for Rushden for the last 15 years and have served on the NCALC Board for 9 years, having been both vice chair and chair of the latter. I am a strong believer of the important role that Northants CALC plays, 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. With the imminent move to Unitary Councils, then the role of NCALC becomes even more important. NCALC will soon be expanding with several much larger parishes created from the existing boroughs, and I believe that NCALC is key in supporting both these larger and our many smaller parishes. I have also been a District Councillor for 13 years and have been involved with other county wide organisations which I believe gives me knowledge and experience which will be of considerable use in the forthcoming council changes. I believe that I have made a good contribution to NCALC in the past and I still have the enthusiasm and time to make a positive contribution to the organisation and parishes in the forthcoming rather interesting times.</p>	 <p>Richard Lewis</p>

Following service in the Royal Navy I became an accountant, and worked for a number of companies, both large and small, until my retirement in 2012. I moved into Moulton in 1996 and have lived there ever since. My interest in Community matters led to co-option to the Parish Council on three occasions – 2004, 2014, and 2018. Among my other roles, I am now Vice Chairman of Council, and Chairman of the Finance Committee. My other activities have included being a member of the Northants Special Constabulary from 1973 to 2003, a Magistrate for 12 years until my retirement in 2017. an Association Football Referee from 1968-1998, followed by becoming an FA qualified Assessor, and I now regularly watch and advise aspiring referees. It gives me great pride to sit as an Independent member on Northants Football Association disciplinary committee, and also on the National anti-Discrimination Panel. I have for the last 3 years been a Non-Executive Director for Cognatum Estates, a company which runs a number of Retirement Communities throughout England. Just to be sure I am not idle in my retirement, I have been a Volunteer Lock Keeper with Canal and River Trust since 2013 – helping boaters, meeting people, and getting some much-needed exercise.



Geoff Paul

I have been a councillor for Great Addington Parish Council for 7 years and Chair for the past 4 months. I 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 retired as a CEO for a global business some 5 years ago, I feel I have the right kind of experience and skill sets to offer NCALC. As National Assembly representative I have represented our interests at NALC and for the past 2 years have served on their management committee. I will continue to work 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 am 'retired', busy with family, and my husband I are avid supporters of Northampton Saints Rugby.



Lynne Taylor

I am a Parish Clerk to a Council in the Daventry district of Northamptonshire, 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