

Report of the Assistant Director, Governance and ICT

Appointments to Committees and Outside Bodies

Summary

1. At the Annual Council meeting on 21 May 2015, appointments were made to Committees, outside and partnership bodies together with appointments to Chairs and Vice-Chairs for the 2015/16 municipal year.
2. In view of the short period of time between the City of York Council Election on 7 May, the set up of the new Council administration and the publication of the agenda for the Annual Council meeting, nominations to a number of Committees and outside bodies were not made. The majority of these outstanding appointments and nominations were agreed at the Committees last meeting however, further nominations and changes to appointments on Committees and Outside Bodies have been received since that time.

Background

3. The Council makes appointments at its Annual Meeting, to Committees for the coming year. As the Staffing Matters & Urgency Committee has authority to deal with any changes or appointments to those Committees and bodies within year, the following changes and additions are now put forward for consideration:

Committees and Working Groups

(i) Corporate Parenting Board

At the Committee's last meeting it was agreed that consideration of appointments to the Corporate Parenting Board be deferred to the next meeting, in order to allow time to resolve some discrepancies with its composition, appointed membership and terms of reference.

Since then discussions have been undertaken around the Council's arrangements for Looked After Children, particularly as a new strategy is being developed for September 2015. As a result, Officers are initially giving further consideration to the role of Members in relation to corporate parenting.

There is no real urgency to have a meeting of the Board during this period. A report on a proposed way forward will be brought forward in the near future. It will not be necessary to report to this Committee further on this issue, unless the nomination of Members is required.

(ii) North Yorkshire Police and Crime Panel

At the Committees last meeting Cllrs Orrell and Richardson were nominated as substitute representatives for Councillors Mason and Dew on the Police and Crime Panel. Following confirmation of the appointments with North Yorkshire they have asked us to note that under previously agreed arrangements between the local authorities, members are not able to appoint substitute Members in the event that they are unable to attend meetings.

Outside Bodies

(iii) Community Stadium Lead Members Group

At the last meeting of the Committee Councillor Neil Barnes was recommended for appointment to the Community Stadium Lead Members Group. Unfortunately Cllr Barnes is unable to take this place as he has a pecuniary financial conflict of interest, in relation to the Community Stadium. It is recommended that his place be taken by another Member. Councillor Levene has been nominated to take this place.

(iv) Clifton Backies Management Board

Councillors Lisle and Wells have recently been appointed to the Clifton Backies Management Board. There are places for 3 CYC Board Member and the Board have requested the nomination of an additional Member. Councillor Dew has been nominated to take this place.

(v) York Central Lead Members Group

A number of appointments have already been made to the York Central Lead Members Group. One of those outstanding however is a place for a Holgate Ward Member and Councillor Cannon has been nominated to take this place.

(vi) York Explore Board

The Council has the right of nomination of one individual (not a Councillor) as a Director of the Board of Explore York. After advertising and interviewing the chosen candidate is:

Paul Stead
2 Low Green
Copmanthorpe
York
YO23 3SB

The Council is recommended to appoint Mr Paul Stead to the York Explore Board.

(vii) Local Government North Yorkshire and York Spatial Planning and Transport Board

Councillor Dew has recently been appointed to this Board, however historically this position has been occupied by the Executive Member for Planning and Transport, who would also represent the Council on the similar Leeds City Region Boards. It is recommended that in order to ensure an understanding and consistent approach across the sub region that Councillor Gillies as the current Executive Member for Transport and Planning replaces Councillor Dew as the appointed Member.

Consultation

4. In accordance with the usual process for gathering nominations to available places, the relevant Groups and individuals have been consulted, as appropriate, and provided with the necessary information.

Options

5. The Committee has the option either to approve or propose alternatives to the nominations proposed in this report.

Council Plan 2011-15

6. Establishing an appropriate decision making and scrutiny structure and appointees to that, together with appropriate nominees to outside bodies, contributes to the Council delivering its core priorities set out in the Council Plan, effectively.

Implications

7. There are no known implications in relation to the following in terms of dealing with the specific matters before Members:
 - Financial

- Human Resources (HR)
- Equalities
- Crime and Disorder
- Property
- Other

Legal Implications

8. The Council is statutorily obliged to make appointments to Committees, Advisory Committees, Sub-Committees and certain other prescribed bodies in accordance with the political balance rules.

Risk Management

9. In compliance with the Council's risk management strategy, there are no known risks associated with the recommendations in this report.

Recommendations

10. Staffing Matters and Urgency Committee is asked to consider and agree the appointments and nominations listed at paragraph 3 (ii) to (vi) of the report for the 2015/16 municipal year.

Reason: In order to make appropriate appointments to the Council's Committees and Outside Bodies for the current municipal year.

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**Report
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Specialist Implications Officers

Not applicable

Wards Affected: Not applicable

All



For further information please contact the author of the report

Background Papers

None

Annexes

None