

Report of the Assistant Director, Governance and ICT

Appointments to Committees and Outside Bodies

Summary

1. At the Annual Council meeting on 20 May 2014 appointments were made to Committees, outside and partnership bodies together with appointments to Chairs and Vice-Chairs for the 2014/15 municipal year. On 23 October 2014, an Extraordinary Council meeting subsequently reviewed the allocation of seats, appointments to the Council structure and outside bodies, and further changes were agreed, following a by-election and changes in political group memberships.
2. A new Leader of the Council was then appointed on 11 December 2014 and with a reduction in Cabinet members, a number of additional changes to Council appointments were agreed at meetings of the Staffing Matters and Urgency Committee in January 2015. However, since these appointments were made, further changes have been requested to the previously agreed list.

Background

3. Since the appointment of Members to the Make it York Shareholders Board changes have been requested to the Board's membership, prior to the start of official trading on 1 April 2015.
4. At the last Staffing Matters & Urgency Committee on 16 February a number of appointments were agreed to the York Community Stadium Lead Members group. Since that date a further nomination has been received.
5. 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:

(i) **Make it York Shareholder Committee**

At the Staffing Matters & Urgency Committee meeting on 10 November 2014, appointments were made to the newly formed NewCo Shareholders Group. This followed the creation of NewCo a company appointed to develop a new approach to delivering marketing, culture, tourism and business development for York and its economic area.

To ensure wide cross party representation on the Committee, the Committee was made up of the following 5 representatives, 2 Labour (Cllrs Crisp/Williams), 1 Liberal Democrat (Cllr Hyman), 1 Conservative (Cllr Steward – Chair) and 1 Green (Cllr Taylor).

Since then the company has been renamed Make it York and Cabinet has recently agreed the governance and legal framework for the new organisation prior to the company starting to trade in April 2015.

As Councillor Williams will shortly join the Make it York Board of Directors and Councillor Crisp is the Cabinet Member for Leisure, Culture and Tourism it would no longer be possible for them to retain their places on the Shareholder Committee so a request has been made to appoint two replacement representatives on the Committee. *Replacement representatives to be confirmed.*

(ii) **York Community Stadium Lead Members**

At the last meeting of the Staffing Matters & Urgency Committee it was agreed to adopt a similar model to that for the major infrastructure development project – York Central, for the York Community Stadium Lead Members Group, a cross party group which included representation from all parties and Ward Members. The following appointments were made to the Group:

- Labour- Councillor Levene
- Conservative- Councillor Steward
- Liberal Democrat- Councillor Ayre
- Green-Councillor Taylor
- Labour Independent- Councillor King
- Ward Councillor (Huntington and New Earswick)- Councillor Orrell

At that time a nomination had not been received from the Independent Members and it was agreed that this could be pursued by Officers outside the meeting. Since then Councillor Watson has been nominated as the Labour Independent representative.

Consultation

6. 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

7. The Committee has the option either to approve or propose alternatives to the nominations and membership of the Group proposed in this report.

Council Plan 2011-15

8. Establishing an appropriate decision making and scrutiny structure and appointees to that, contributes to the Council delivering its core priorities set out in the Council Plan, effectively.

Implications

9. 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

10. 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, where applicable.

Risk Management

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

Recommendations

Staffing Matters and Urgency Committee is asked to consider and agree the following appointments for the remainder of the 2014/15 municipal year:

- (i) To consider the appointment of two representatives to replace Councillors Williams and Crisp on the Make it York Shareholder Committee.
- (ii) To appoint Councillor Watson as the Independent Labour representative on the cross party York Community Stadium Lead Members Group.

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

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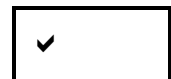
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Specialist Implications Officers

Not applicable

Wards Affected: Not applicable

All



For further information please contact the author of the report

Background Papers

None

Annexes

None