

Report of the Assistant Director, Governance and ICT

Changes to Appointments to Council Bodies

Summary

1. At the Annual Council meeting on 24 May 2012 appointments were made to Committees, outside and partnership bodies together with appointments to Chairs and Vice-Chairs for the 2012/13 municipal year. However, since those appointments were made we have been advised that a change is required to the agreed list.

Background

2. The requested change to the agreed appointments is:

Outside Bodies (page 32 of the report to Council)
 - North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Authority (NYFRA) – to add Councillor Richardson as a substitute to the Conservative place currently occupied by Councillor Steward
3. This matter has been brought to the Staffing Matters and Urgency Committee for agreement in view of the timing of the forthcoming meeting of the North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Authority, which is due to be held on 13 February 2013. Councillor Steward is not able to attend this meeting and would like to send a substitute but the substitute must first be formally approved by City of York Council. NYFRA are happy with this arrangement which is consistent with that provided for other groups represented by City of York Council Members on the NYFRA.

Consultation

4. In accordance with the usual process for gathering nominations to available places at the Annual Council Meeting, the relevant Group has been consulted and provided with the necessary information.

Options

5. Options open to the Committee are to approve or not approve the change to the Council appointments set out at paragraph 2 of the report.
Council Plan 2011-15
6. Establishing an appropriate decision making and scrutiny structure, 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 matter before Members, namely to consider nominations to places on Committees and outside bodies:
 - 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. These rules may only be waived where no Member votes against the proposal.

Risk Management

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

Recommendations

10. Staffing Matters and Urgency Committee is asked to consider and agree to the appointment of Councillor Richardson as a Conservative substitute on the North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Authority for the remainder of the 2012/13 municipal year.

Reason: In order to make appropriate appointments to the Council's Committees and Outside Bodies for the current municipal year and in order that a substitute can attend the next meeting of the North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Authority in place of Councillor Steward.

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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