

Report of the Assistant Director, Governance and ICT

Changes to Appointments to Council Bodies

Summary

1. At the Annual Council meeting on 23 May 2013 appointments were made to Committees, outside and partnership bodies together with appointments to Chairs and Vice-Chairs for the 2013/14 municipal year. However, since those appointments were made we have been advised of a number of changes required to the agreed list.

Background

2. Following the nomination of Councillor Gillies as the Lord Mayor Elect for the 2014/15 municipal year and the subsequent appointment of Councillor Steward as Conservative Group Leader the following changes to the agreed appointments list have been requested:

Committees, Sub-Committees and Working Groups

- Staffing Matters and Urgency Committee – to appoint Councillor Steward in place of Councillor Gillies on this Committee.

Joint Working – Strategic Partnerships

- Without Walls Partnership – to appoint Councillor Steward as one of the Conservative members on the Partnership in place of Councillor Gillies.
- York Economic Partnership – to appoint Councillor Steward as the Conservative member on the Partnership in place of Councillor Gillies.

Joint Working – Other

- North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Authority – to appoint Councillor Richardson in place of Councillor Steward as the Conservative member on the Authority.

3. The Council has also recently been notified of the resignation of Rachel Barber, as a Parent Governor on the Learning and Culture Overview and Scrutiny Committee and provided with details of a suggested nomination for a replacement representative:

Learning and Culture Overview and Scrutiny Committee

- To appoint Edwin Thomas, to replace Rachel Barber, as a Parent Governor representative on the Learning and Culture Overview and Scrutiny Committee.
4. These matters have been brought to the Staffing Matters and Urgency Committee for agreement in view of the timing of forthcoming meetings of these bodies.

Consultation

5. As the requested Councillor membership changes only relate to one political Group, the Conservative Group, who have an entitlement to places on these bodies, no further consultation has been undertaken.
6. Following the resignation of Rachel Barber, as one of the two Parent Governor representatives on the Learning and Culture Overview and Scrutiny Committee, nominations were requested from all Parent Governors in York schools. Applications were considered by the Council's Head of Governor Support. The only nomination received was that from Edwin Thomas.

Options

7. Options open to the Committee are to approve or not approve the changes to the Council appointments set out at paragraphs 2 and 3 of the report.

Council Plan 2011-15

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

Implications

8. 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 other bodies:

- 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. These rules may only be waived where no Member votes against the proposal.

Risk Management

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

Recommendation

12. (i) That the Staffing Matters and Urgency Committee be asked to consider and agree the amended appointments, to Committees and Joint Working Groups for the remainder of the 2014/15 municipal year, arising from the nomination of Councillor Gillies as Lord Mayor Elect.
- (ii) That the Staffing Matters and Urgency Committee be asked to consider and agree the appointment of Edwin Thomas as a Parent Governor representative on the Learning and Culture Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

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

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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