

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 the appointment of Chairs and Vice-Chairs for the 2012/13 municipal year. However, since those appointments were made, a number of changes have arisen in year.

Background

2. The main changes relate to the recent resignation of Cllr Jeffries from the Labour Group to become an Independent Member on the Council and the subsequent effect of this on her membership of a number of Committee's, Sub-Committees and Outside Bodies.
3. The second relates to a change in Cabinet Member which requires a change to be made to an outside body appointment.
4. The final change is a request to amend a nomination made to the Yorkshire Museums Trust.
5. The requested changes to the agreed appointments are:

Committees and Sub-Committee:	
Corporate Appeals Panel	Replace Cllr Jeffries with Cllr Fraser
Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee (Substitute)	Replace Cllr Jeffries with Cllr Cunningham-Cross
Learning & Culture Overview & Scrutiny	Replace Cllr Jeffries with Cllr Boyce
Planning Committee (Substitute)	Replace Cllr Jeffries with Cllr Fitzpatrick

Working Groups:	
Member Support Steering Group (Substitute)	Replace Cllr Jeffries with Cllr Boyce
<u>Outside Bodies</u>	
Association for Public Service Excellence (APSE)	Replace Cllr Williams with Cllr Levene
Foxwood Community Centre	Replace Cllr Jeffries with Cllr Burton
North Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Authority	Replace Cllr Jeffries with Councillor Barnes
SNAPPY	Replace Cllr Jeffries with Cllr Fitzpatrick
Yorkshire Museums Trust	Replace Cllr Ayre with Cllr Cuthbertson

6. These matters have been brought to the Staffing and Urgency Committee for agreement in view of imminent meetings and as the next Council meeting to which these change could be agreed is not scheduled until 11 October 2012.

Consultation

7. In accordance with the usual process for gathering nominations to available places appropriate Groups have been consulted and have provided necessary details of nominations,

Options

8. The Committee is asked to approve the changes to appointments set out at paragraph 5 of the report.

Council Plan 2011-15

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

Implications

10. 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

11. 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. The above changes in paragraph 5 do not, in part, strictly meet the requirements of rules in so far as the ruling group will no longer have an overall outright majority on 2 Committees. To meet legal requirements therefore, this Committee will need to unanimously agree to the above proposed changes to membership of committees/outside bodies in the light of Councillor Jeffries becoming an independent member of Council.

Risk Management

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

Recommendations

13. Staffing Matters and Urgency Committee is asked to
 - (i) consider and agree the changes proposed in member representation on APSE and the York Museums Trust , as set out in paragraph 5 above;
 - (ii) consider and unanimously agree the changes to appointments to Committees, Sub-Committees and Outside Bodies for the remainder of the 2012/13 municipal year, arising from Councillor Jeffries becoming an independent Member.

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