

Report of the Assistant Director, Governance and ICT

Appointments to Committees and Outside Bodies

Summary

1. Following the Westfield By-Election, a number of changes within Groups and the number of Independent Members, an Extraordinary meeting of Council was held on 23 October 2014. The meeting was held in order to review the allocation of seats, appointments to the Council structure and outside bodies for the remainder of the municipal year, in accordance with the political balance requirements under the Local Government and Housing Act 1989.

Background

2. The Council makes appointments at its Annual Meeting to Committees for the coming year and following the above Extraordinary meeting two additional changes to appointments have subsequently been requested. 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 are now put forward for consideration:

3. **Adoption Panel**

Councillor Wiseman was re-appointed to the Adoption Panel at the Annual Council meeting in May, however since then, owing to Councillor Wiseman's other commitments and to the number and length of Panel meetings she has asked if a replacement representative could be appointed. Councillor Gunnell has indicated that she would be willing to replace Councillor Wiseman on the Panel.

4. **NewCo Shareholders Group**

At the last Staffing Matters and 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, appointments were agreed from the following composition, 2 Labour, 1 Liberal Democrat, 1 Conservative and 1 Green.

In addition, a request was made for the Cabinet Member for Leisure, Culture & Tourism to Chair the Shareholder Committee and this was supported at the meeting.

Since then a request has been made for Councillor Steward to replace Councillor Crisp as Chair of the Committee.

Consultation

5. 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

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

Council Plan 2011-15

7. 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

8. 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

9. 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.
Proportionality does not strictly apply to the 'outside bodies' under reconsideration for appointment of representatives at this meeting.

Risk Management

10. 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 as set out in paragraphs 3 and 4 above for the remainder of the 2014/15 municipal year:

- (i) To consider the request for Councillor Gunnell to replace Councillor Wiseman as the Council's representative on the Adoption Panel.
- (ii) To consider the request for Councillor Steward to replace Councillor Crisp as Chair of the NewCo Shareholders 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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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