

Report of:	Chief Executive
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COUNCIL
22 MAY, 2013
REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES 2013-14

1 Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To consider the appointment of representatives to outside bodies for 2013-14 as set out in the schedule of nominations to be circulated at the Annual Council Meeting.
- 1.2 To confirm the Chief Executive's authority to make appointments to any other outside bodies throughout the municipal year, in accordance with the arrangements as set out in paragraph 3 of this report.

2 Recommendations

- 2.1 That Council determine the appointment of representatives to outside bodies for 2013-14
- 2.2 That the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Political Group Leaders, makes additional appointments to any outside bodies, as necessary, throughout the municipal year.
- 2.3 That, in the event of the Political Group Leaders failing to agree on a nomination(s) to an outside body (as referred to in paragraph 2.2 above) the appointment will be a matter for determination by the Council.
- 2.4 That, subject to paragraph 2.2 above, the Chief Executive when appointing representatives to outside bodies, be authorised to determine which of the appointments should be classed as an 'approved duty' for the purposes of claiming travelling and subsistence expenses.

3 Key Issues and Reasons for Recommendation

- 3.1 Each year the Council is required to appoint representatives to a number of outside bodies. A schedule of those bodies to which the Council appoints representatives together with nominations is usually circulated at the Annual Council Meeting.
- 3.2 For practical purposes, i.e. to avoid the need to report the matter to full Council on every occasion, Council is also requested to delegate authority to the Chief Executive to make appointments to any additional outside bodies, as necessary, throughout the municipal year, on receiving nominations from the Political Group Leaders.
- 3.3 Should Council agree to delegating authority to the Chief Executive to appoint representatives to outside bodies, then further delegated authority is sought for the Chief Executive to determine those appointments that are to be classed as an 'approved duty' for the purposes of the nominated representative claiming travelling and subsistence expenses.

4 Relationship to Corporate Priorities

- 4.1 The Council, through its democratic process, contributes to the Council's Corporate Priorities and promotes community engagement through the appointment of representatives to outside bodies.

5 Report Detail

- 5.1 In September 2008, the Council amended as part of the Constitution the procedure for the receipt of nominations for outside bodies by the Political Group Leaders. In doing so, Group Leaders are required to submit their nominations to the Chief Executive at least 48 hours prior to the commencement of the Annual Council Meeting. Following receipt of the nominations, no amendments shall be permitted. Therefore, a copy of the schedule, detailing the nominations received, will be circulated at the Annual Council Meeting.
- 5.2 For information details of the number of meetings called during the period 1 June, 2012 until 30 December, 2012 together with details of the attendance of those appointed to such bodies has been provided to each of the Political Group Leaders prior to them submitting their nominations.
- 5.3 Determination of appointments to representatives on outside bodies is a matter for Council in the first instance. The Chief Executive has consulted with Political Group Leaders to agree nominations. In the event that there should be failure to agree a nomination(s) full Council will be required to determine the matter.

- 5.4 The recommendations also propose delegation to the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Political Group Leaders, to make appointments to any additional outside bodies as may be required, and to the Chief Executive to determine which should be classed as an approved duty.
- 5.5 Council is requested to consider the appointment of representatives to outside bodies for 2013-14 as set out in the schedule to be circulated at the Annual Council Meeting.

6 Implications

6.1 Financial

There are no direct financial implications arising from this report. Any costs which arise from appointments determined as an approved duty, and thereby subject to travel and subsistence claims, will have to be met from existing Members' budgets.

6.2 Legal

Unless otherwise specified by statute, Section 101 of the Local Government Act 1972 empowers the Council to arrange for the discharge of any of its functions by an officer of the Council.

The Local Government Act 1972, Section 101(1) provides that:

subject to any express provision contained in this act or any act passed after this Act, a local authority may arrange for the discharge of any of their functions –

(a) by a committee, a sub-committee or an officer of the authority...”

Council can therefore delegate the appointment of representatives on outside bodies to the Chief Executive.

Should the appointment relate to executive functions, then the power to delegate the making of such appointments to the Chief Executive rests with Cabinet in accordance with Section 14 of the Local Government Act, 2000.

6.3 Human Resources

None.

6.4 Section 17 (Crime Prevention)

None.

6.5 Human Rights Act

None.

6.6 Data Protection

None.

6.7 Risk Management

None.

6.8 Equality & Diversity

None.

7 Appendices to the Report

Appendix 1

Schedule of outside bodies (to follow)

Previous Consideration

Background Papers