

CANNOCK CHASE COUNCIL

COUNCIL

27 SEPTEMBER 2006

REPORT OF CHIEF EXECUTIVE

REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To consider the nomination and appointments of representatives to outside bodies.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 Council is requested to consider:

- (A) The nomination of a Community Governor to Hazel Slade School until the Annual Meeting 2010.
- (B) The appointment of a representative to Health Net until the Annual Meeting 2007.
- (C) The appointment of the Access to Skills & Economic Development Leader as named substitute to the WMLGA Council/West Midlands Regional Assembly until the Annual Meeting 2007.
- (D) The appointment of the Environment Leader as named substitute to the WMRA Regional Planning Partnership until the Annual Meeting 2007.
- (E) The appointment of the Social Inclusion & Housing Leader to the WMRA Regional Housing Partnership until the Annual Meeting 2007 and the Access to Skills and Economic Development Portfolio Leader as named substitute.

3. Background

- 3.1 At the Annual Meeting of the Council in May 2004, former Councillor M. Stretton was nominated as Community Governor for Hazel Slade Primary School. The Council have been notified by Staffordshire County Council that Mr. Stretton has recently tendered his resignation and as a consequence the Council have been requested to nominate a Community Governor to be appointed to Hazel Slade School until 2010.

- 3.2 The Council have also been requested by the County Council to appoint a representative to Health Net, which is a body set up to work in partnership with the Council and Social Services to assist disadvantaged families reach support services. The length of appointment will be until the Annual Meeting 2007.
- 3.3 Each year the Council is requested by the WMLGA to appoint representatives to serve on the West Midlands LGA and Regional Assembly member structures. At the Annual Meeting of the Council in May 2006, the Council made the following appointments to these bodies:

Name of Body	Appointed Representative
West Midlands Local Government Association Council/West Midlands Regional Assembly	Leader of the Council (or nominee)
West Midlands Regional Assembly Regional Planning Partnership	Access to Skills & Economic Development Leader (Chairman of Access to Skills & Economic Development Select Committee as named substitute)

- 3.4 Since these appointments were made, WMLGA have written to the Council suggesting that consideration be given to the possibility of a similar configuration of membership between these bodies, which could be achieved through the alignment of principal representatives and substitute Members.
- 3.5 On this basis, Council is recommended to consider the appointment of a named substitute to the WMLGA Council/West Midlands Regional Assembly and it is suggested that the Access to Skills and Economic Development Leader be appointed. With regard to the West Midlands Regional Assembly Regional Planning Partnership, Council is recommended to consider the appointment of the Environment Leader as named substitute to replace the Chairman of the Access to Skills & Economic Development Select Committee. This would ensure a similar configuration of membership between these bodies as suggested by WMLGA.
- 3.6 The Council have also been asked to appoint a representative to serve on to the WMRA Regional Housing Partnership. This is a new governance structure, which is a result of the Government's decision to merge the Regional Housing function with the Regional Planning Body. Council is recommended to consider the appointment of the Social Inclusion & Housing Leader as its representative and the Access to Skills and Economic Development Portfolio Leader as named substitute to this body.
- 3.7 Should Council decide to appoint representatives to the each of the bodies referred to above they will serve until the Annual Meeting 2007.

4. **Details of Matters to be Considered**

- 4.1 Council is requested to consider the appointment of representatives to serve on the bodies outlined in paragraph 2.1(A – E) above.
- 4.2 It is important that nominated representatives have confirmed their willingness to serve on these bodies before their names are put forward for consideration.

5. Contribution to CHASE

5.1 In making these appointments, the Council is working with the community and voluntary organisations to further the CHASE objectives.

6. Section 17 (Crime Prevention) Implications

6.1 There are no identified implications in respect of Crime Prevention Implications.

7. Human Rights Act Implications

7.1 There are no identified implications in respect of Human Rights Act 1998 arising from this report.

8. Data Protection Act Implications

8.1 There are no identified implications in respect of Data Protection Act.

9. Risk Management Implications

9.1 There are no identified implications in respect of Risk Management.

10. Legal Implications

10.1 The Council is empowered to appoint and/or nominate representatives to outside bodies. These representatives may be Councillors but they need not be. In some instances, the representatives are the Council's delegate on that body but in other circumstances, e.g. if the organisation is a Charity, the representative becomes a trustee whose first duty is to the Charity and its objectives.

11. Financial Implications

11.1 There are no identified financial implications for the Council arising from this report. Costs arising in relation to travel and subsistence will need to be met from existing budgets.

12. Human Resource Implications

12.1 There are no identifiable Human Resource Implications arising from the report.

13. Conclusion

13.1 That Council consider the nomination of a Community Governor to Hazel Slade School and the appointment of representatives to the West Midlands Local Government Association (WMLGA) and Regional Assembly (WMRA) member structures.

List of Background Papers

- Letter from Staffordshire County Council requesting a Community Governor Nomination.
- Letter from WMLGA regarding nominations to WMLGA and WMRA member structures.
Report-Nomination of Community Governor to Hazel Slade Primary School