

Report to the Cabinet

Meeting to be held on Thursday, 12 July 2018

Report of the Head of Legal and Democratic Services

Part I

Electoral Division affected:
(All Divisions);

Appointments to Outside Bodies

(Appendix 'A' refers)

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Executive Summary

The Cabinet currently approves the appointment of county council representatives to various outside bodies on an annual basis.

Attached at Appendix 'A' is a comprehensive schedule of the various outside bodies to which the county council appoints representatives, with nominations based on those the list of 2017/18 appointments and following consultation with the Deputy Leader of the County Council.

Recommendation

Cabinet is asked to:

- (i) Consider and agree the representation and appointments to serve on the outside bodies listed in Appendix 'A' in 2018/19 and until the next Lancashire County Council elections in May 2021 with subsequent appointments being determined every four years following a County Council election.
- (ii) Request the Political Group Secretaries to co-ordinate the nomination of members to fill any vacancies and any in-year changes, and in consultation with Democratic Services and the Deputy Leader of the County Council, notify the Director of Corporate Services who will approve any in-year changes or appointments under the Scheme of Delegation to Heads of Service.

Background and Advice

Appointments to outside bodies play an important part in fulfilling the county council's statutory responsibilities, meeting its corporate and strategic objectives and in building positive relationships with the communities it serves. The list of outside bodies that county council representatives are appointed to is monitored and reviewed by Democratic Services. The list is currently presented to Cabinet for approval on an annual basis.

It is recommended that Cabinet considers and approves the appointments listed in Appendix 'A' for 2018/19. It is also recommended that the Political Group Secretaries be requested to co-ordinate the nomination of members to fill any vacancies and any in-year changes; and in consultation with Democratic Services and the Deputy Leader of the County Council, notify the Director of Corporate Services who will approve any in-year changes or appointments under the Scheme of Delegation to Heads of Service.

In addition, it is suggested that the proposed appointments listed in Appendix 'A', remain in place until the next county council elections in May 2021, and that subsequent appointments are reviewed and confirmed following each county council election thereafter. Very few changes occur each year and it would be more administratively efficient to make appointments to outside bodies every four years rather than on an annual basis. This would also provide greater certainty for the outside bodies and the member or person appointed to represent the county council.

Consultations

The suggested representation and appointments have been prepared in consultation with the Deputy Leader of the County Council.

Implications:

This item has the following implications, as indicated:

Risk management

No significant risks have been identified.

Financial

There are no financial implications as a result of this report.

List of Background Papers

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None

Reason for inclusion in Part II, if appropriate

N/A