

**Meeting of the Full Council
Meeting to be held on 23 May 2013**

Report submitted by the Chief Executive

Part A

Electoral Divisions affected:
All

Appointments to the North Western Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authority

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Executive Summary

Appointments to the North Western Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authority.

Recommendation

The Full Council is asked to:

1. approve the appointment of two county councillors to serve on the North Western Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authority until the next County Council elections, and
2. authorise the County Secretary and Solicitor, in consultation with the Leader, to approve any changes to the appointments at 1. above.

Background and Advice

The former North Western and North Wales Sea Fisheries Committee ceased to exist from 1 April 2010 when the relevant provisions of the Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009 were brought into force.

In 2010 the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra) consulted on the arrangements for the new authorities and following that consultation, the North Western Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Order 2010 came into force on 1 October 2010. Since that time the county council has been represented on the North Western Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authority by former County Councillors S Leadbetter and A Thornton.

Full Council is now invited to appoint two members to serve on the North Western Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authority until the next County Council elections.

It is proposed that for administrative efficiency, any subsequent changes to these appointments should be approved by the County Secretary and Solicitor in consultation with the Leader.

Consultations

N/A.

Implications:

This item has the following implications, as indicated:

Risk management

In the light of the substantial financial contribution that the County Council is required to make to the North Western Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authority, it is important that its interests are protected by representatives on the Committee.

Financial

The determination of funding of each Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Area has been agreed nationally and the County Council has a statutory duty to contribute. The County Council is the second highest contributor, below Cumbria County Council, and is required to provide funding in the region of £380k for 2013/14. The NWFICA committee, of which the appointed Councillors will be members, agrees any proposed increase to levies paid by member authorities including the County Council.

Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985 List of Background Papers

Paper	Date	Contact/Directorate/Tel
The Marine and Coastal Access Act	2009	Roy Jones/Office of the Chief Executive/01772 533619
North Western Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Order	2010	

Reason for inclusion in Part II, if appropriate

N/A.