

Urgent Decision Taken on Behalf of Cabinet

Report to the Leader of the County Council and the Cabinet Member for Resources, HR and Property (Deputy Leader)

Report submitted by: Director of Law and Governance

Part I

Electoral Division affected:
Burnley Central East;
Burnley Central West;
Burnley North East; Burnley Rural;
Burnley South West;
Brierfield and Nelson West;
Nelson East; Pendle Central;
Pendle Hill; Pendle Rural;

Corporate Priorities:
Supporting economic growth;

Town Boards - Appointment of County Council Representatives

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Brief Summary

This report proposes the addition of both the Burnley, Nelson Town Boards to the county council's list of outside bodies and the appointment of a county council representative to these Boards.

Reason for Urgency

This decision is urgent and cannot await the next meeting of Cabinet on 11 April 2024. The reason for this is that the invitation for a county council representative to serve on the Boards has only recently been received and under the Long-Term Plan for Towns guidance for local authorities and Town Boards, there is a requirement for the Boards to be established by 1 April 2024. This decision is therefore being taken on behalf of Cabinet by the Leader of the Council and the Cabinet Member for Resources, HR and Property (Deputy Leader), in accordance with the provisions of Standing Order C16(1).



Recommendation

The Leader of the County Council and the Cabinet Member for Resources, HR and Property (Deputy Leader) are asked to approve:

- (i) The addition of Burnley and Nelson Town Boards to the list of outside bodies to which the county council appoints.
- (ii) Subject to (i) above, the appointment of County Councillor Aidy Riggott as the county council's representative to Burnley Town Board and County Councillor Ash Sutcliffe as the county council's representative on the Nelson Town Board until the next county council elections in 2025
- (iii) The Director of Law and Governance be authorised in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Resources, HR and Property (Deputy Leader), to add any additional Town Boards to the list of outside bodies to which the county council appoints and to appoint a county council representative to any additional Boards until the next county council elections in 2025.

This decision should be implemented immediately for the purposes of Standing Order C29 as any delay could adversely affect the execution of the County Council's responsibilities. The reason for this is that there is a requirement under the Long-Term Plan for Towns guidance for local authorities and Town Boards for the Boards to be established by 1 April 2024, and therefore a county councillor representative is required to be appointed as soon as possible to ensure the county council is represented on the Boards.

Detail

In September 2023, the Government launched the Long-Term Plan for Britain's Towns, a core part of the Government's levelling up programme, and in October 2023, a number of towns within Lancashire had been announced as one of the 55 towns in the UK, selected by the Government to benefit from the 'Long Term Plan for Towns' Programme. The Programme will provide long-term investment in those 55 towns to be spent on local people's priorities such as regenerating local high streets and town centres or securing public safety.

Burnley Town Board

The Burnley Town Board represents the public sector, business and community and voluntary sectors and has responsibility for developing Burnley's 'Long Term Plan'. County Councillor Aidy Riggott, Cabinet Member for Economic Development and Growth has recently been invited to serve on the Board.

Nelson Town Board

The Nelson Town Board represents the public sector, business and community and voluntary sectors and has responsibility for developing Nelson, Pendle's 'Long Term Plan' for the next 10 years.



Appointments to outside bodies are normally considered and approved by Cabinet every four years following a county council election. The Director of Law and Governance is authorised, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Resources, HR and Property (Deputy Leader), to approve in year appointments and changes. However, as Burnley Town Board and the Long Term Town Plan Board are required to be added to the list of outside bodies to which the county council appoints, approval by Cabinet is necessary.

Approval is therefore requested for Burnley Town Board and the Nelson Town Board to be added to the county council's list of Outside Bodies and for County Councillor Aidy Riggott and County Councillor Ash Sutcliffe respectively, to be appointed as the county council's representative to the Boards, until the next county council elections in 2025.

Approval is also requested for the Director of Law and Governance to be authorised, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Resources, HR and Property (Deputy Leader), to add any additional Town Boards to the list of outside bodies to which the county council appoints and to appoint a county council representative to any additional Boards until the next county council elections in 2025.

Consultations

N/A

Implications:

This item has the following implications, as indicated:

Financial

There are no financial implications within this report.

Legal

There are no legal implications within this report.

Risk management

There are no risks associated with the proposals set out in this report.

List of Background Papers

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None

Reason for inclusion in Part II, if appropriate

N/A

