

DECISION ITEM

REPORT OF	MEETING	DATE	ITEM NO
RESOURCES DIRECTORATE	FINANCE AND DEMOCRACY COMMITTEE	28 MARCH 2022	7

NOMINATIONS TO OUTSIDE BODIES/WORKING GROUPS

PUBLIC ITEM

This item is for consideration in the public part of the meeting.

SUMMARY

The report deals with nominations to Outside Bodies and Working Groups.

Appointments to Outside Bodies are made at Full Council following recommendations from the various programme committees.

It is timely for the programme committees to review the current Outside Body appointments and put forward any recommended changes to membership to the next Council meeting scheduled for 25 April 2022.

In line with the Protocol for Members on Outside Bodies (Part 5f of the Council's Constitution), every member serving on an outside body is required to complete a reporting form every six months, which is submitted to the relevant programme committee to which the external partnership relates. The last reports were submitted to the September 2021 cycle of meetings.

This report covers those nominations that relate to the Finance and Democracy Committee.

At the same time, it seems prudent for this committee to review the current appointments to the working groups that relate to the terms of reference of the Finance and Democracy Committee. The establishment of working groups is within the responsibility of the individual programme committees and does not require the approval of Council.

The report also provides details of a request to include Growth Lancashire on the list of Outside Bodies for Fylde Council. The committee are also asked to recommend a mutually acceptable and appropriate representative on behalf of Fylde Council for confirmation at full Council.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Committee is invited:

1. To recommend to Full Council that Growth Lancashire Ltd is added to the approved list of Outside Bodies for Fylde Council.
2. To nominate an elected representative and a named substitute, for Full Council to approve, to sit on the Board of Growth Lancashire Ltd.
3. To recommend to Council any nominations to the outside bodies within the remit of the Finance and Democracy Committee,
4. To confirm the membership to any working groups that relate to the terms of reference of the committee.
5. To note the reports from members currently serving on Outside Bodies.

SUMMARY OF PREVIOUS DECISIONS

Full Council approves appointments to Outside Bodies annually, following nominations from the programme committees.

CORPORATE PRIORITIES

Economy - To create a vibrant and healthy economy	√
Environment - To deliver services customers expect	
Efficiency - By spending money in the most efficient way	√
Tourism - To create a great place to live or visit	√

REPORT

1. The Council makes a number of appointments to outside bodies in each municipal year. In an election year, these appointments are made at the AGM. In non-election years, these appointments are made at the last Council meeting of the municipal year.
2. Programme committees are asked to review the current appointments to the Outside Bodies within the remit of their committee and at the same time, consider the value, in terms of contribution to the council, of retaining representation i.e. should the council continue to dedicate a resource.
3. Any changes in representation or appointments on the Outside Bodies represented will be put forward to the next scheduled Council meeting for confirmation.
4. This report deals with the outside bodies that relate to the terms of reference for the Finance and Democracy Committee. The first table below includes the name of the body/group, the role/purpose and which elected member is the current appointee. The committee is invited to recommend nominations for consideration by Full Council.
5. Programme committees may wish to establish their own subject specific working groups to be set up when required in order to advise the parent programme committee on a particular topic/issue.
6. The second table below lists those working groups that relate to the terms of reference of the Finance and Democracy Committee that are currently established.
7. The establishment of working groups is within the responsibility of the individual programme committees and does not need the approval of Council.
8. It is important that the members nominated to represent the Council on outside bodies/working groups have an appropriate interest in the body/partnership/subject, can commit to positively represent the Council and be available to commit the time to attend the majority of the meetings involved.
9. The members nominated should ideally be a member of the programme committee to which the matter relates to.
10. The current protocol is that members are required to produce regular reports about the outside bodies on which they serve, currently every six months. It is the intention that this information will be made available to the programme committee members to which the external partnership relates.
11. The conclusion of any working group would be brought to committee in a formal report.
12. The following appended reports from members currently serving on Outside Bodies are provided to maintain an understanding of the work of the Outside Body, and to remain abreast of any issues that may have an impact on the residents of the borough or the council.

13. Members of the committee are also asked to consider recommending for approval at full Council the addition of Growth Lancashire Ltd as an outside body.
14. Growth Lancashire Ltd, <https://www.growthlancashire.co.uk/>, is a vehicle for partnership working. It is owned by several Lancashire local authorities and operates across the County. Their role is diverse and focuses on supporting businesses to grow and simplifying support; caring for and developing Lancashire's heritage and environmental assets; and securing and delivering external funding. They also have a shared interest in promoting Lancashire and encouraging investment. They provide delivery capacity and expertise for Local Authorities, along with a range of other stakeholders, including private clients. Growth Lancashire's mission is to contribute towards growing productivity, prosperity and places across the County. We are a delivery partner for Lancashire's Business Growth Hub, Boost, and proud to be part of the Northern Powerhouse Partners Programme.
15. Growth Lancashire has a private sector led board of company directors that contribute a wide range of expertise and are well equipped to support the Company's mission of contributing towards a growth in productivity, prosperity and places across the County.
16. The Board also comprises elected representatives, typically Council Leaders or Portfolio holders, from the following local authorities: Blackburn with Darwen, Blackpool, Burnley, Chorley, Hyndburn, Lancashire, Lancaster, Pendle, Rossendale, and West Lancashire.
17. The committee are asked to nominate an elected representative and a named substitute on behalf of Fylde Council to sit on the Board of Growth Lancashire Ltd.

Finance and Democracy Committee- Outside bodies/partnerships			
Outside body / partnerships	Role/Purpose	Frequency of meetings	Current representation
Blackpool Airport and Hillhouse Enterprise Zone Project Board	Responsible for the operational delivery of the two EZs, with a remit encompassing activity including commercial, financial, development, legal, planning, land, infrastructure, and highways works and, marketing and promotion.	As required	Deputy Leader – Councillor Roger Small
Fylde Community Project Fund	Decision making body allocating small grants to local volunteer groups and organisations from the Community Project Fund	3 x p/a plus smaller bids considered by email	The Mayor
Local Government Association (LGA)	The General Assembly, the 'Parliament of Local Government', meets once a year, and is the only LGA decision making forum which all authorities in full membership are eligible to attend and to vote.	As required	Leader of the Council – Councillor Karen Buckley
North West Employers Organisation	Provides a network of support, advice and consultancy regarding human resources, policy and practice, leadership, development, organisational design and performance. It works with regional and national partners representing North West authorities as employers including consultation on pay and conditions.	Quarterly (4xp/a)	Chairman of Finance and Democracy (plus a named substitute) – Councillor Karen Buckley and Vince Settle
North West of England & the Isle of Man Reserve Forces & Cadets Association	To support and maintain Armed Forces Reserves and Cadets in North West England.	Annually with two optional outside days	Councillor Ed Nash
South Fylde Rail Users Group	The group comprises Northern Rail, Network Rail, LCC, Fylde Council, Blackpool Council and St Annes Town Council and its aim is to improve both the passenger usage and facilities on the line by considering ways of accessing government	As required	Councillor Vince Settle

	and other grants and new projects to promote increased use as an alternative to private transport. It forms one of the lines within the Lancashire Community Rail Partnership as approved by the Department of Transport.		
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Finance and Democracy Committee– Working groups			
Working group	Role/purpose	Notes	Current representation
Budget Working Group	To co-ordinate and oversee the budget setting process and to provide a strategic steer to programme committees on key elements of the budget setting process such as the level of growth or savings required in light of the overall financial position of the Council, capital bid expectations, fees and charges levels etc	The establishment of this working group was considered and recommended for approval by the Governance Working Group.	Chairman & Vice Chair of F&D, Chairmen of T&L, Op Mgmt, EH&H & Planning Plus 2 F&D members – Richard Redcliffe & John Singleton
Leadership Board	To provide to steer on corporate priorities		Chairmen of each programme committee and the Planning Committee
St Annes Programme Board	The Programme Board is a body that provides sponsorship and governance to the programme of regeneration for St Annes.		Leader & Deputy Leader
Commercial Strategy Review Working Group	To oversee the revision of the commercial strategy.	Formed 7/10/2021	Councillors Buckley, Settle, P Collins, Withers plus Chairmen of the programme committees

IMPLICATIONS	
Finance	No implications arising from this report
Legal	No implications arising from this report
Community Safety	No implications arising from this report
Human Rights and Equalities	No implications arising from this report
Sustainability and Environmental Impact	No implications arising from this report
Health & Safety and Risk Management	No implications arising from this report

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BACKGROUND PAPERS		
Name of document	Date	Where available for inspection
None		