

DECISION ITEM



REPORT OF		MEETING	DATE	ITEM NO
MANAGEMENT TEAM		FINANCE AND DEMOCRACY COMMITTEE	22 JUNE 2015	4

APPOINTMENT TO OUTSIDE BODIES/WORKING GROUPS

PUBLIC ITEM

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

SUMMARY

Council has asked that the programme committees make recommendations to appointments from within their respective memberships for those outside bodies relating to the brief for the committee. This report covers those appointments that relate to the Finance and Democracy Committee, and also seeks to confirm the establishment and composition of the working groups listed in the report.

RECOMMENDATION

The committee is invited to

1. recommend nominations to the outside bodies listed for consideration by council
2. confirm the establishment of the working groups(s) listed which will meet as and when required

CORPORATE PRIORITIES

To Promote the Enhancement of The Natural & Built Environment (Place)	√	To Encourage Cohesive Communities (People)	√
To Promote a Thriving Economy (Prosperity)	√	To Meet Expectations of our Customers (Performance)	√

SUMMARY OF PREVIOUS DECISIONS

A report has been considered by Council on 20th May 2015 which seeks recommendations from individual programme committees as to nominations for representation.

REPORT

1. The Council makes a number of appointments to outside bodies in each municipal year. A report was considered at the recent AGM which is in line with the process undertaken each year. Council resolved *'That this matter stands referred to the next council meeting to allow the various programme committees the opportunity to recommend appointments from within their respective memberships for those outside bodies relating to the brief of their committee'*.
2. 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 previously represented the Council. The committee is invited to recommend nominations for consideration by Full Council.
3. Under the previous governance arrangements there existed the facility through scrutiny for members to establish specific task and finish working groups to look in some depth at particular issues and make recommendations to Cabinet. With the adoption of the new governance arrangements that is no longer possible. However 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.
4. The second table below lists those working groups that relate to the terms of reference of the Finance and Democracy Committee that were previously created by scrutiny and that are considered to have a future purpose. The committee is invited to consider nominations for those working groups when the need arises. The establishment of working groups is within the responsibility of the individual programme committees and does not need the approval of Council.
5. 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.
6. The members nominated should ideally be a member of the programme committee to which the matter relates to. However with respect to the two working groups shown, due to the corporate nature of both groups it is recommended that these are taken from a wider pool of members and are not limited to the Finance and Democracy Committee. In addition the Fylde Community Projects Fund, has in recent years been represented by the position of Mayor (who is not on the Finance and Democracy Committee). Members are asked to recommend to council whether this principle continues or to appoint from within the committee.
7. 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.
8. The conclusion of any working group would be brought to committee in a formal report as previously occurred in scrutiny.

Finance and Democracy Committee - Outside bodies/partnerships			
Outside body / partnerships	Role/Purpose	Frequency of meetings	Previous representation
Fylde Community Projects Fund	Decision making body allocating small grants to local volunteer groups and organisations from the Community Projects Fund.	3 x p/a plus smaller bids considered by email	The Mayor
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 (4x p/a)	Portfolio Holder for Customer and Operational Services
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
Three Tier Forum	<p>A non-decision making body comprising representatives of the county, borough and parish/town councils to discuss, share information and monitor issues surrounding common issues.</p> <p>-----</p> <p>LCC have confirmed that no further meetings have been put in the diary at this stage, pending a review of their locality working arrangements, including Three Tier Forums.</p>	Quarterly (4x p/a)	Councillors Fazackerley, Pounder, Redcliffe and three vacancies

Finance and Democracy Committee – Working groups			
Working group	Role/purpose	Notes	Previous 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. The group will meet as and when required during the annual budget setting cycle. It is recommended that the group includes representation from each of the main programme committees in order to ensure a corporate cross-cutting approach to budget setting	This is a new working group: previously this role was carried out by the Cabinet
Accommodation Working Group	To oversee and give a steer to the implementation of the council's overall accommodation rationalisation strategy	The group meets as and when required	Council Leader, Deputy Leader, Portfolio Holders: Planning & Development; Finance & Resources, Leader of the Opposition and Cllr Kevin Eastham

IMPLICATIONS	
Finance	There are no implications
Legal	There are no implications
Community Safety	There are no implications
Human Rights and Equalities	There are no implications
Sustainability and Environmental Impact	There are no implications
Health & Safety and Risk Management	There are no implications

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LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS		
Name of document	Date	Where available for inspection
Report to Council	20 th May 2015	Council web site