



DECISION ITEM

REPORT OF	MEETING	DATE	ITEM NO
DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DIRECTORATE	PLANNING COMMITTEE	16 SEPTEMBER 2020	5
APPOINTMENT TO OUTSIDE BODIES/WORKING GROUPS			

PUBLIC ITEM

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

SUMMARY

Appointments to Outside Bodies are made at Council following recommendations from the programme committees for nominations from within their respective memberships.

Nominations and appointments for the 2020/2021 municipal year have been delayed due to the Coronavirus outbreak. The Coronavirus (Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority and Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020) allowed local authorities to extend current appointments for an additional year until 2021, therefore all appointments made in 2019/20 remain in place throughout 2020/21 unless the council decides to change them.

Following changes to committee membership at Council on 20th July 2020 it is timely for the programme committees to review the current Outside Body appointments and put forward any recommend changes to membership to the next Council meeting scheduled for 19 October 2020.

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. Members last reported in June 2020.

This report covers those nominations that relate to the Planning Committee.

At the same time it seems prudent for the programme committees to review the current appointments to any working groups that relate to the terms of reference of the Planning Committee that are currently established. The establishment of working groups is within the responsibility of the individual programme committees and does not need the approval of Council.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The committee is invited to:

1. recommend any nominations to the outside bodies within the remit of the Planning Committee for consideration by council,
2. confirm the membership to any working groups that relate to the terms of reference of the committee.

SUMMARY OF PREVIOUS DECISIONS

20th May 2015 - Council sought recommendations from individual programme committees as to nominations for representation.

6 July 2015 – Council confirmed the nominations from the programme committees.

11 April 2016 – Council confirmed the nominations from the programme committees.
 3 April 2017 - Council confirmed the nominations from the programme committees.
 16 April 2018 – Council confirmed the nominations from the programme committees
 22 May 2019 – Council sought the recommendations from individual programme committees for nominations
 20 July 2020 – Council noted and endorsed the list of current working groups.

CORPORATE PRIORITIES	
Spending your money in the most efficient way to achieve excellent services (Value for Money)	√
Delivering the services that customers expect of an excellent council (Clean and Green)	
Working with all partners (Vibrant Economy)	√
To make sure Fylde continues to be one of the most desirable places to live (A Great Place to Live)	
Promoting Fylde as a great destination to visit (A Great Place to 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. Nominations and appointments for the 2020/2021 municipal year have been delayed due to the Coronavirus outbreak. The Coronavirus (Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority and Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020) allowed local authorities to extend current appointments for an additional year until 2021, therefore all appointments made in 2019/20 remain in place throughout 2020/21 unless the council decides to change them.
3. Changes were made at Council on 20 July 2020 to committee memberships and it is now prudent for the programme committee to review the current appointments to the Outside Bodies within the remit of their committee as well as the value, in terms of contribution to the council, of retaining representation i.e. should the council continue to dedicate resource.
4. Any changes in representation or appointments on the Outside Bodies represented will be put forward to the next scheduled Council meeting for confirmation.
5. This report deals with the outside bodies that relate to the terms of reference for the Planning 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.
6. 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.
7. The second table below lists those working groups that relate to the terms of reference of the Planning Committee that are currently established.
8. The establishment of working groups is within the responsibility of the individual programme committees and does not need the approval of Council.
9. 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.
10. The members nominated should ideally be a member of the programme committee to which the matter relates.

11. 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.
12. The conclusion of any working group would be brought to committee in a formal report.

Table 1 - Planning Committee- Outside bodies/partnerships

Outside body / partnerships	Role/Purpose	Frequency of meetings	Current representation
Duty to Cooperate	Resolution of Cabinet 18/09/2013 - Leader of the Council appoints two members of the Council to sit on the joint member/officer Steering Group established to oversee the work under the Duty to Co-operate with neighbouring planning authorities.	When required	Chairman and Vice Chairman of Planning Committee
Planning Education Liaison Group	To ensure liaison between Lancashire CC and Fylde BC on education issues and to ensure these are reflected in planning policy and decisions made by Fylde BC	When required	Councillors Richard Redcliffe & Linda Nulty
Highways and Transportation Group	Newly established Highways and Transportation Liaison Group (to be established with Lancashire County Council). The purpose of the group is to ensure effective communication between Lancashire County Council and Fylde Council on both policy and operational matters relating to highways and transportation. It is intended that the group will meet as and when required.	When required	Councillors Liz Oades, Chris Dixon & Stan Trudgill

Table 2 - Planning Committee– Working groups

Working group	Role/purpose	Notes	Current representation
Local Listings Project Board	To establish a process and protocol, to be applied to compiling a local list of heritage assets including buildings. To undertake research in this regard and to make recommendations to Planning Committee in respect of the potential for local listing and related conservation issues.	When required	Councillors Richard Redcliffe, Julie Brickles, Heather Speak & Ray Thomas.
SHLAA Steering Group	To consult with relevant stakeholders to keep the strategic housing land availability assessment up to date. Two Councillors to attend in an overseeing role.	Meets when required	Councillors Peter Collins & Linda Nulty.
Arboriculture & Landscape Strategy working group	To assist in the development of the strategy	Formed 13/9/17	Councillors Chris Dixon, Jayne Nixon & Ray Thomas (plus 3 reps from EH&H)
A585 – Skippool to Windy Harbour Relief Road	To oversee the Councils case to be presented to the NSIP examination of the proposed development.	When Required	Councillor Linda Nulty, Plus 3 x vacancies
Town Centres Working Group	To examine all opportunities to secure funding to assist in the future development of the boroughs town centres, including, but not limited to any future rounds of the	At least monthly	Councillors Richard Redcliffe, Liz Oades, David O'Rourke,

	Future High Street Fund.		Stan Trudgill, Michael Sayward, Roger Small, Michael Withers.
Carbon Neutral Working Group (Lead committee EH&H)	To investigate and consider the options to minimize the reliance on single use plastic items across the borough to become a 'plastics conscious' borough. To develop a Carbon Reduction Action Plan with a view to the Council becoming net-zero carbon by 2050.	Current	Councillors Tim Armit & Michael Sayward. (plus 2 reps from Op Mgmt and 3 reps from EH&H)

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		
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None		