



DECISION ITEM

| REPORT OF | MEETING | DATE | ITEM NO |
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| RESOURCES DIRECTORATE | COUNCIL | 19 OCTOBER 2020 | 14 |
| APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES | | | |

PUBLIC ITEM

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

SUMMARY

The Council makes a number of appointments to outside bodies each year. In a non-election year these are confirmed at the last ordinary meeting prior to the meeting of Annual Council. Following Council's decision in 2016, the programme committees have made recommendations to the appointments from within their respective memberships, where possible.

Every member serving on an outside body is required to complete a reporting form every six months, which will be reported to the relevant programme committee to which the external partnership relates.

Those members failing to complete the information following a second reminder will be brought to the attention of Group Leaders. Group Leaders must then determine whether they wish to request a Notice of Motion at the next Council meeting as to whether the subject member should continue to represent the Council on the particular outside body.

The list of outside bodies and those members nominated to them by the committees, is attached as an appendix.

Members are also asked to confirm the removal of Outside Bodies that have either completed their projects or are no longer required

RECOMMENDATION

1. To approve the nominated appointments to outside bodies for the remainder of the 2020/21 municipal year, as shown in appendix 1.
2. To approve the recommendation from Operational Management Committee for the removal of the Fairhaven and Church Scar Coastal Defence Project Board from the outside bodies list as the project had now been completed.
3. To approve the recommendation from Finance and Democracy Committee that the South Fylde Rail Users Group be added to the approved list of Outside Bodies for Fylde Council.
4. Subject to the approval of recommendation 3 above, Council to approve Councillor Vince Settle as the representative for Fylde Council on the South Fylde Rail Users Group.

SUMMARY OF PREVIOUS DECISIONS

Council are required to confirm the appointments to outside bodies annually.

| CORPORATE PRIORITIES | |
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| 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. 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.
2. Changes were made at Council on 20 July 2020 to committee memberships and it seemed prudent for the programme committees to review the current appointments to the Outside Bodies within the remit of their committees.
3. At its meeting on 28 September 2020, the Finance and Democracy Committee, recommended the inclusion of the South Fylde Rail Users Group on the list of Outside Bodies for Fylde Council. The committee also recommended that Councillor Vince Settle be nominated as the Council's representative to the Group.
4. 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 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.
5. The outside bodies to which the Council appoints to, together with the names of those members nominated by the relevant programme committee, is attached as appendix 1.
6. The current protocol is that members are required to produce regular reports on the bodies on which they serve, currently every six months. These reporting forms will come to the programme committee to which the external partnership relates.
7. All reporting forms must be submitted via the online electronic reporting form; and that committee chairmen, whose members are not supplying reports, enquire whether that member wishes to continue as a representative of the outside body.

| IMPLICATIONS | |
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| Finance | None arising from the report. |
| Legal | None arising from the report. |
| Community Safety | None arising from the report. |
| Human Rights and Equalities | None arising from the report. |
| Sustainability and Environmental Impact | None arising from the report. |
| Health & Safety and Risk Management | None arising from the report. |

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| BACKGROUND PAPERS | | |
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| Name of document | Date | Where available for inspection |
| none | | |

Attached documents

Appendix 1 – Nominated Representatives to Outside Bodies.