

DECISION ITEM

REPORT OF	MEETING	DATE	ITEM NO
RESOURCES DIRECTORATE	PLANNING COMMITTEE	30 MARCH 2022	5

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 Planning 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 Planning Committee. The establishment of working groups is within the responsibility of the individual programme committees and does not require the approval of Council.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Committee is invited:

1. To recommend to Council any nominations to the outside bodies within the remit of the Planning Committee,
2. To confirm the membership to any working groups that relate to the terms of reference of the committee.
3. 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.

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 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.
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 Planning 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.

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
Lancashire Enterprise Partnership (LEP) Joint Scrutiny Committee	To increase transparency of the decisions made by the LEP and to give further assurance by providing an independent committee that is able to explore and interrogate the rationale for decisions taken by the Lancashire Enterprise Partnership with particular regard to investment decisions including, but not limited to, Growth Deal and Growing Places allocations.	Twice yearly	Councillor Chris Dixon

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.
Town Centres Working Group	To examine all opportunities to secure funding to assist in the future development of the borough's town centres, including, but not limited to any future rounds of the Future High Street Fund.	At least monthly	Councillors Richard Redcliffe, Liz Oades, David O'Rourke, 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 Jayne Nixon and Stan Trudgill (plus 4 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		
Name of document	Date	Where available for inspection
None		

Appendix 1 – Summary and reports received on current Outside Bodies