

DECISION ITEM

REPORT OF	MEETING	DATE	ITEM NO
RESOURCES DIRECTORATE	COUNCIL	22 MAY 2019	9
OUTSIDE BODIES			

PUBLIC ITEM

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

SUMMARY

Each year appointments are made to outside bodies. This is usually undertaken at the last business meeting of the municipal year apart from in an election year. In an election year, appointments must be made at the annual meeting.

As the Council now operates a committee system, appointments are made following nominations by committees. It is proposed that nominations from committees are considered at the first available council meeting and, in the meantime, existing appointments remain in place..

RECOMMENDATION

1. To consider nominations from programme committees at the next scheduled meeting of the council.
2. Until then, continue the appointments of the councillors presently serving on outside bodies.
3. Ask the Audit and Standards Committee to consider recommending an amendment to the constitution to reflect that in an election year appointments to outside bodies will be considered by full council after the annual meeting.

SUMMARY OF PREVIOUS DECISIONS

Appointments to Outside Bodies are confirmed each year.

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. Rule 4.2 of the Council Procedure Rules requires the annual meeting in an election year to appoint or nominate councillors to serve on outside bodies. In non-election years, the appointments and nominations are made by the council meeting preceding the annual meeting.
2. Since the council moved to a committee system of governance in 2014, such appointments and nominations have been made following the consideration of recommendations from the council's committees. As the committees have not yet met since the recent elections, it has not been possible for them to make recommendations.
3. It is recommended that the appointments and nominations for the municipal year 2019-20 be held over until the meeting of the council on 15 July, to enable the recommendations of the committees to be considered. In order to fulfil the requirements of the procedure rules, it is suggested that the appointments of those councillors presently serving as representatives on outside bodies be extended until the 15 July meeting.
4. To avoid a similar situation in future election years, a change to the procedure rules could stipulate that appointments and nominations to outside bodies be made in each election year at the meeting *following* the annual meeting. Members are asked to request the Audit and Standards Committee to consider recommending such a change.

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

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