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REMUNERATION COMMITTEE – 12 JULY 2013

OUTSIDE BODIES

Report by County Solicitor & Monitoring Officer

1. The Council's Constitution allocates to this Committee the responsibility for appointments to outside bodies other than to those determined by the Council as being 'strategic' (which are designated as Category 'A' outside bodies and which are the responsibility of the Cabinet). This report outlines the Committee's appointment process and identifies the bodies to which appointments now need to be made.
2. In September 2005 the Democracy & Organisation Committee which had responsibility for outside bodies at that time agreed the categories and process of appointment shown below for the Council's non-strategic outside bodies (all references to the Democracy & Organisation Committee have been updated to refer to this Committee):

| | <u>CATEGORY</u> | <u>APPOINTED BY</u> | <u>BASIS OF MEMBERSHIP</u> |
|---|--|---|-----------------------------|
| B | Non-strategic outside bodies useful to the Council's work | Remuneration Committee, following nominations by political groups | Best person for the role |
| C | Other outside bodies which request Council representation or are of primary value to local councillors/the local community | Chief Executive in the case of local member(s) or group nominations; otherwise Remuneration Committee | To reflect local membership |

3. The schedule at Annex 1 shows those outside bodies in Category B to which appointments fall to be made by the Committee and the previous appointments to each. Where appointees must be Councillors by reason of the organisation's constitution then where necessary a vacancy is shown.

New Appointment - Castle Committee

4. The Council has been invited to appoint a representative to a place on the Castle Committee. The role of the committee is to oversee the working of the Oxford Preservation Trust/ Continuum agreement to run the commercial visitor attraction, Oxford Castle Unlocked and to oversee the education programme in a partnership with the County Council. One of the major roles going forward is to think and act strategically in promoting the Castle site and Oxford Castle Unlocked as vital elements within the City and the wider community. This is particularly important at present given the exciting and significant developments that are being proposed in the West End of the City with the Westgate and Science Oxford coming forward. Councillor Lorraine Lindsay-Gale has indicated that she would be happy to serve on both the Oxford Preservation Trust and the Castle Committee.

Blue Plaque Board

5. Currently the Chairman of the County Council, as the council's designated appointee to the Blue Plaque Society, delegates Councillor Patrick Greene to be the board member for the Council year. The Chairman continues to attend blue plaque ceremonies.
6. It is suggested that the Committee endorses this arrangement for this and future years subject to the continuing agreement of the current Chairman of the Council each year.

Category 'C' Outside Bodies

7. There are a significant number of other outside bodies which request Council representation or are of primary value to local councillors/the local community. These are primarily appointed through the local members and there has been no review of the list for at least 4 years. It is suggested there be a review of these bodies to draw up a consolidated list and that in addition the mechanism for making these appointments be reviewed to investigate whether it would be appropriate for them to be made through the locality meetings.

RECOMMENDATIONS

8. **The Committee is RECOMMENDED: to**
 - (a) **make appointments to the non-strategic outside bodies listed in Annex 1;**
 - (b) **designate the Castle Committee as a Category 'B' outside body and appoint the Cabinet Member for Community Services as the member representative;**
 - (c) **endorse the agreement whereby Councillor Greene acts as the delegate of the Chairman of the Council at meetings of the Blue Plaque Society Board;**
 - (d) **agree the review of the category 'C' outside bodies and the mechanism for appointments.**

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Background papers: Nil

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