

Remuneration Committee Friday, 12 July 2013

ADDENDA

7. Outside Bodies (Pages 1 - 4)

Report of the County Solicitor & Monitoring Officer (RC7 attached)

The Council's Constitution allocates to the Committee the responsibility for appointments to outside bodies other than to those identified by the Cabinet as 'strategic'.

The report identifies the bodies to which appointments now need to be made and reviews the process for making them. It also sets out any proposed new additions.

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Division(s): N/A

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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Non Strategic Outside Bodies (Democracy & Organisation Committee appointments)

Outside Body	Places	Basis of Appointment	Appointees for 2010/11
Chilterns AONB Conservation Board	1	must be a councillor	Nimmo-Smith
Cogges Agricultural Museum Trust	3	usually councillors	Fitzgerald-O'Connor Rose Seale
Cotswold AONB Conservation Board	1	must be a councillor	Seale 1 vacancy
Cotswolds and Malverns Transport Partnership	2	must be councillors	Rose D Turner 1 vacancy
County Nature Conservation Forum	1	need not be a councillor	Biddy Hudson
Environment Agency -Thames Region Flood Defence Committee	1	must be a councillor (shared with Swindon BC & Hampshire CC)	Oxfordshire 2010-12 - Crabbe 1 vacancy Hampshire Swindon
Local Government Association: Fire Service Forum	1	must be a councillor; former Cabinet Member for Safer & Stronger Communities	Heathcoat
North Wessex Downs Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty	1	must be a councillor	Mathew
Oxford Preservation Trust	3	must be councillors	Hallchurch Hudspeth Purse
Oxfordshire Association for the Blind	1	need not be a councillor	Thompson
Oxfordshire Buildings Trust Ltd	3	need not be councillors	CC Chairman (ex officio) Fulljames Purse
Oxfordshire Federation of Young Farmers' Clubs	1	usually a councillor	Brown
Oxfordshire Museums Council	1 1	councillor officer	Mathew Museum Service Manager
Oxfordshire Play Association	3	need not be councillors	Fitzgerald-O'Connor Roz Smith Vacancy

Outside Body	Places	Basis of Appointment	Current Appointments
Oxfordshire Playbus	1	need not be a councillor	Fitzgerald-O'Connor
Oxfordshire Playing Fields Association	3	expected to be councillors	Fitzgerald-O'Connor Viney Roz Smith 2 vacancies
Oxfordshire Rural Forum	1	must be a councillor	Nimmo-Smith
South East Reserve Forces' and Cadets' Association	1	need not be a councillor	Hallchurch
Trading Standards South East Ltd.	1	Formerly Cabinet Member for Safer & Stronger Communities	Heathcoat
Trust for Oxfordshire's Environment	2	expected to be 1 councillor and 1 officer	Cabinet Member for Environment Officer - (E+E)
TVEnergy	1	must be a councillor – usually appropriate Cabinet Member	Hudspeth
Mill Arts Centre Association	3	Need not be a councillor Cultural Services Manager – ex officio	3 vacancies
Victoria History of Oxfordshire Trust		The Council does not appoint formal representative Trustees	(currently Councillors Mrs Fulljames and Hallchurch act in a personal capacity)