

## **CABINET – 22 JUNE 2010**

### **REVIEW OF APPOINTMENTS**

#### **Report by Assistant Head of Legal & Democratic Services**

#### **Introduction**

1. This report asks the Cabinet to consider member appointments to a variety of bodies which in different ways support the discharge of the Council's executive functions. The report identifies the basis on which appointments to the respective bodies have been made in the past and, subject to any adjustments that may be considered appropriate, invites the Cabinet to agree arrangements for filling the councillor places on those bodies.

#### **Joint Committees**

2. These are formal bodies set up to exercise statutory functions jointly with other authorities. Members of joint committees exercising executive functions must be members of the Cabinet.

The current joint committees are listed in **Section 1** of the Annex to this report.

#### **Local Statutory Bodies**

3. The County Council is required to set up and run a number of local bodies in connection with certain of its statutory functions, typically in partnership with other organisations. County Council representation is not generally limited to Cabinet Members although the view has been taken in the case of the Supporting People Commissioning Body that the appointee should be a Cabinet Member.

The current local statutory bodies are listed in **Section 2**.

#### **Strategic Partnerships**

4. This category comprises a small number of bodies, membership of which was agreed by Cabinet in November should be linked to the role of the cabinet member not to individually named members.

The current strategic partnerships are listed in **Section 3**.

#### **Standing Advisory Bodies**

5. This category comprises a small number of bodies which have been set up on a permanent basis in connection with particular functions. They do not

posses executive powers but provide a forum for discussion and liaison. County Council representation is not limited to Cabinet Members.

The current standing advisory bodies are listed in **Section 4**.

### **Informal Member/Officer Working Groups**

6. This is a large and diverse group of informal bodies set up from time to time to assist with the discharge of the responsibilities of the Cabinet. There is a wide variety of form and purpose, from purely internal management tools to inter-authority forums for overseeing issues of common interest. Members and officers share an equal status on these bodies, which are not subject to the access to information rules applying to formal committees and sub-committees. However some are open to the public and allow public address at their meetings.
7. These bodies cannot exercise executive functions themselves but provide a valuable forum for discussion of issues outside the formal decision-making processes. Thus, where voting on such groups is permitted this can only be on the basis of an indicative view and cannot in any way bind the body responsible for the ultimate decision.

The informal member / officer working groups are listed in **Section 5**.

### **Member Champions**

8. Under the Council's Constitution the Cabinet may designate member champions and appoint councillors to, and remove them from these roles.

The current member champions are listed in **Section 6**.

### **Outside Bodies**

9. The Cabinet is responsible for appointments to those Outside Bodies which it has identified as 'strategic' and 'noted as such on a list of all relevant offices and bodies from time to time presented to and endorsed by the Council'. Appointments need to be made to those bodies for 2009/10 onwards.

The relevant outside bodies are listed in **Section 7**.

## **RECOMMENDATIONS**

10. **The Cabinet is RECOMMENDED to:**
  - (a) **appoint Councillor Lorraine Lindsay-Gale to the position of 'Heritage Champion' (in place of Councillor Don Seale);**
  - (b) **create the new position of 'Motorcycle Champion' and appoint Councillor Lorraine Lindsay-Gale to that position;**

- (c) **create the new position of 'Efficiencies Champion' and appoint Councillor CH Shouler to that position; and**
- (d) **agree the remaining appointments as set out in the Annex to this report and, where necessary, make further or substitute appointments.**

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Background Papers            Nil

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