



REPORT OF:	CHIEF EXECUTIVE
TO:	ANNUAL COUNCIL
ON:	17 May 2007

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**APPOINTMENTS TO VARIOUS COMBINED AUTHORITIES AND OUTSIDE BODIES, COMMUNITY ASSOCIATIONS AND PARTNERSHIP BODIES**

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1. **PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

To request the Council to consider the appointment of representatives to serve on various Combined Authorities, Outside Bodies, Community Association and Partnership Bodies.

2. **BACKGROUND**

The Council Constitution provides the Council with authority to appoint representatives to outside bodies. The Council is asked to consider the lists of Combined Authorities, Outside Bodies, Community Association and Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council Partnership Bodies and to confirm the nominations of representatives as set out in the lists.

3. **DETAIL**

3.1. **Combined Authorities and Outside Bodies**

At the Annual Council Meeting on 21<sup>st</sup> June 2001 the following was approved in relation to outside body appointments (Minute 13 refers):-

This Council believes that when considering appointments to Outside Bodies it should seek to reflect the political composition of the Council as closely as possible.

It therefore resolves that, with the exclusion of those nominations made by reference to political office (that is Leader of the Council, Leaders of the Political Groups, Executive Board Members, Chairs of Committees or their nominees) or to the Mayor and Deputy, appointments be made on the following basis:-

1. When there is only one representative it is from the controlling Group.
2. Where there is more than one representative the places are allocated in the same proportion as the political composition of the Council.
3. That discussions take place between representatives of all political Groups at the start of the Council Year to agree the allocation of seats in accordance with (1) and (2).

4. When seats become vacant during the Council Year, the political party allocated the seat in (3) has the right to nominate a replacement.

### **3.2. Community Associations**

The present Community Association Constitution and Rules was approved by the Executive Board at their meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> March 2002 (Minute 4.4.1). The constitution provides for the following representation by Members of the Council on each Community Association: -

The three elected Ward Councillors of Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council where the whole of the catchment area is within one ward OR where the catchment area of the Association contains parts of more than one electoral ward, at least one elected Ward Councillor from each such ward nominated by the Borough Council up to a maximum of three.

In developing the Community Associations and their catchment areas, the ward relationships of each Association have been identified and discussed with the Association. In some cases the catchment areas overlap two or three wards. The list of nominations identifies Councillors up to a maximum of three to represent the Wards concerned.

### **3.3. Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council Partnership Bodies**

Members of the Council serve on various partnership bodies. Appointments to these may be determined by the constitution of the body concerned, or have been made previously by the Executive or an appropriate Committee of the Council.

The Council is asked to consider the list of Partnership Bodies, and to confirm for 2007/2008 the appointments required, in accordance with constitutions where indicated on the list.

In order to seek nominations, the lists of Combined Authorities, Outside Bodies, Community Associations and Partnership Bodies has been drawn up and copied to the Political Group Leaders. Once nominations have been received, the list will be updated and circulated to Members of the Council for the Annual Council meeting on Thursday, 17<sup>th</sup> May 2007.

## **4. RECOMMENDATIONS**

That the nominations from the Political Groups to serve on various Combined Authorities, Outside Bodies, Community Associations and Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council Partnership Bodies (shown on the updated lists circulated prior to the meeting) be confirmed as the Council's representatives to serve until the end of the current Municipal Year; or if a longer period of office is shown, until that date; unless during the Municipal Year the Leader amends the appointments to take account of changed requirements.

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