



REPORT OF:	CHIEF EXECUTIVE
TO:	ANNUAL COUNCIL
ON:	21st May 2015

APPOINTMENTS TO VARIOUS COMBINED AUTHORITIES AND OUTSIDE BODIES, COMMUNITY ASSOCIATIONS, PARTNERSHIP BODIES, GROUPS AND PANELS 2015/16

1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

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

2. BACKGROUND

The Council Constitution provides the Council with authority to appoint representatives to Outside Bodies. The Council is asked to consider nominations to the Combined Authorities, Outside Bodies, Community Associations and Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council Partnership Bodies.

3. APPOINTMENTS

Combined Authorities and Outside Bodies

At the Annual Council Meeting on 21st 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.*

Community Associations

The present Community Association Constitution and Rules was approved by the Executive Board at their meeting on 14th 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 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.

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.

If the political Group nominations are available for representatives to serve on various Combined Authorities, Outside Bodies, Community Associations, Partnership Bodies, Groups and Panels they will be circulated before the Annual Meeting.

Appeals and other bodies

The Council is asked to establish a panel of fifteen members to form an Appeals Panel to consider, in accordance with the Constitution and any statutory provisions:

- Discretionary Grant, School and Post School Transport Appeals
- Social Services Review Panel
- Any other Appeals as appropriate

If the Political Group nominations are available they will be circulated before the Annual Meeting.

4. RECOMMENDATIONS

4.1 That in the first instance, (as is usual practice) each of the organisations listed on the various combined authorities and outside bodies, community associations and partnership bodies is contacted to establish;

That their Terms Of Reference / Articles Of Association have not changed and still require Council Representation in the same capacity, for the same tenure, and what added value will be mutually brought by such engagement. Subject to which;

4.2 That in the event the Political Group nominations are available before the Annual Meeting the nominations to serve on various Combined Authorities, Outside Bodies, Community Associations and Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council Partnership Bodies, 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.

4.3 That fifteen Members be appointed to serve on the panel of Members to deal with appeals.

(Note: That in the event the Group nominations are not available before the Annual Meeting the decisions on representation on outside bodies, Community Associations, Partnership Bodies, Groups and Panels can be delegated to the Group Leaders to agree the appointments. The nominations to the Lancashire Combined Fire Authority will need to be agreed so that appointments can be affected by the Clerk to the Authority as soon as possible).

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