



REPORT OF:	CHIEF EXECUTIVE
TO:	ANNUAL COUNCIL
ON:	18th May 2017

APPOINTMENTS TO VARIOUS BODIES, GROUPS AND PANELS 2017/18

1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

To request the Council to consider the appointment of representatives to serve on various 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 Outside Bodies, and Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council Partnership Bodies.

3. APPOINTMENTS

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.

As there is a by-election on the 8th June for the Higher Croft Ward, the proportionality calculations will be applied to the Outside Bodies list after that date and after the annual process outlined in Paragraph 4.1. When the Outside Bodies list has been agreed it will be submitted to the next available Council meeting.

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 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 outside bodies, and partnership bodies list 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 following the process outlined in Section 3 above, nominations will 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: As is usual practice, the decisions on representation 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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