



REPORT OF:	DIRECTOR OF LEGAL SERVICES
TO:	COUNCIL FORUM
ON:	30 <sup>th</sup> September 2010

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## APPOINTMENTS TO VARIOUS COMBINED AUTHORITIES AND OUTSIDE BODIES AND PARTNERSHIP BODIES 2010/11

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### 1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

Further to the resolution of the Extraordinary Meeting of the Council on 14 September 2010 the Council is further requested to consider the appointment of representatives to serve on various Combined Authorities, Outside Bodies, Community Associations and Partnership Bodies.

### 2. BACKGROUND

The Council's Constitution provides as a Council function to appoint representatives to outside bodies unless the appointment is an Executive function or has been delegated by the Council.

### 3. APPOINTMENTS

#### 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.*

Any appointments or nominations made by the Council would be subject to the governance arrangements of individual combined authorities and outside bodies.

**Blackburn with Darwen Teaching Primary Care Trust Board** (“the Board”) – In accordance with the Partnership Agreement dated 31 March 2010 and made under section 75 of the National Health Service Act 2006, the Council is required to nominate three elected members as Non-Executive Directors to the Board, which must include portfolio holders one of whom to be the Leader of the Council, and a member of the opposition party. The three nominees will take their places on the Board once formally appointed by the Appointments Commission.

**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.

**4. RECOMMENDATIONS**

4.1 Subject to the governance arrangements of various combined authorities, outside bodies and partnership bodies, appointments and representation on these bodies be delegated to the Group Leaders in line with legislation, previous practice, and policy to reflect the political composition of the Council (as referred to in Minute 13 Annual Council Meeting, 21 June 2001).

4.2 Blackburn with Darwen Teaching Primary Care Trust Board (“the Board”) - Subject to formal appointment by the Appointments Commission, nominate the following to the Board:

- Leader of the Council,
- Executive Member for Adult Social Care, and
- Councillor Michael Lee, Conservative Group Leader.

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**30 September 2010**

Background Papers:

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