

Appointment to Outside Bodies 14 September 2011

Report of the Head of Governance

PURPOSE OF REPORT

This report enables Council to determine the basis for appointments to the Furness Line Community Railway Partnership, and to the Lancashire Tourism Forum.

This report is public

RECOMMENDATIONS

- (1) That Council agree the basis for an appointment to serve as a Council representative on the Furness Line Community Railway Partnership, and for an appointment to serve as the Council representative on the Lancashire Tourism Forum.**
- (2) That, should Council decide that either appointment should be made by way of nominations voted on by full Council, the nominations be made and voted upon at this meeting.**

1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 In October 2003 it was agreed that Council would determine the basis on which all appointments to outside bodies and partnerships are made. Unless otherwise requested by the outside body concerned, appointments are made to the date of the next City Council elections, subject to confirmation at each Annual Council meeting.
- 1.2 Members are reminded that the protocol for appointments to outside bodies allows for Council to determine whether the appointment should be made by virtue of a Councillor's position, such as a Cabinet Member or Ward Councillor or whether nominations should be invited for the appointment to be voted on by full Council

2.0 Proposal

The Furness Line Community Rail Partnership

- 2.1 The Partnership Officer for the Furness Line Community Rail Partnership Officer for the Furness Line (Lancaster-Carnforth-Barrow) has contacted the Chief Executive to ask for Councillor representation on the Partnership.
- 2.2 The Furness Line Community Rail Partnership was set up in 2010 and the partnership first met on 3 November in Barrow in Furness. The membership

is being finalised during 2011 and, as well as representation from the City Council, the partnership hopes to include representatives from Cumbria County Council, South Lakeland District Council, Barrow Borough Council, Lancashire County Council, TransPennine Express, Northern Rail, Network Rail, FLAG, TravelWatch North West (TWNW), the Morecambe Bay Partnership (MBP) the Arnsdale & Silverdale AONB and the RSPB (Leighton Moss). Input will also be sought from the Carnforth Station and Railway Trust and from the Cumbrian Railways Association. The Partnership will also seek to include representation from the relevant parish and town councils and to draw in expertise where needed.

- 2.3 The aims of the partnership include increasing the usage of the line and to achieve line designation for the line. Designation not only brings additional project funding but also helps to protect the line from any proposed downgrading in the future. The line is not a formally designated community railway but that may become a long term aspiration as Line Designation opens up new channels of project funding.
- 2.4 The partnership usually meets quarterly at various locations along the line and meetings are normally timed to fit in with train arrival times. The Group has met in Barrow, Grange and Carnforth so far. The date of the Autumn meeting had not been confirmed at the time of drafting this report but would probably be in Barrow in late October/early November.

The Lancashire Tourism Forum

- 2.5 A letter has recently been received from the County Council indicating that at a recent meeting of councillors from local authorities across Lancashire it was agreed that a Lancashire Tourism Forum be established to consider local authority tourism related issues. The Forum would comprise one Councillor from each of the County Council, the District Councils and the two Unitary Authorities across Lancashire.
- 2.6 A request has been received for the Council to nominate a councillor to attend the Forum. County Councillor Lawrenson, the County Council's lead Cabinet member for Tourism, whilst recognising that nominations are a matter for the Councils concerned, has asked that, given the remit of the group, where possible, those nominated should have a similar influential role with their respective Councils.
- 2.7 The date of the first meeting is the 16th September 2011.

3.0 Options

- 3.1 The options for Council in respect of each body are to:-
 - (a) Make the basis for each appointment by virtue of a Councillor's position such as Cabinet Member
 - (b) Base each appointment on nominations made and voted upon at full Council.
 - (c) Decide not to make an appointment.

In the case of option (a), the appointment would then be referred to the

relevant body, such as Cabinet and in the case of (b) Council would then seek nominations for an appointment to be made at this meeting.

4.0 Conclusion

- 4.1 Annual Council agreed the basis of all appointments to Outside Bodies, Partnerships and Boards either by virtue of a Member's role such as Ward Councillor, Cabinet member, Overview & Scrutiny member, etc., or by nomination to full Council.
- 4.2 Appointments were made at the Council meeting held on 15 June 2011 to those places to be filled by nomination and Council bodies such as Cabinet and Overview & Scrutiny have since made their appointments.
- 4.3 This report sets out requests to make new appointments.

CONCLUSION OF IMPACT ASSESSMENT

(including Diversity, Human Rights, Community Safety, Sustainability and Rural Proofing)

There are no direct implications as a result of this report.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no legal implications arising from this report.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Members of Outside Bodies are entitled to travel expenses. Any cost resulting from this appointment would be met from democratic representation budgets.

OTHER RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

Human Resources:

None.

Information Services:

None.

Property:

None.

Open Spaces:

None.

SECTION 151 OFFICER'S COMMENTS

The Section 151 Officer has been consulted and has no further comments.

MONITORING OFFICER'S COMMENTS

The Monitoring Officer has been consulted and has no further comments.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

None

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