

<b>PLANNING AND HIGHWAYS REGULATORY</b>
<b>COMMITTEE</b>

**Planning Committee Member Appointment to the  
Crook O'Lune Advisory Committee  
11 December 2017**

**Report of the Democratic Services Manager**

<b>PURPOSE OF REPORT</b>
To consider appointing to an outside body vacancy which has arisen on the Crook O'Lune Advisory Committee.
<b>This report is public.</b>

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

- (1) That nominations be made and voted upon at this meeting and an appointment be made to the Crook O'Lune Advisory Committee.**

**1.0 Introduction**

- 1.1 Council appointed former Councillor Roger Sherlock to the Crook O'Lune Advisory Committee as the Planning Committee representative.
- 1.2 Following the sad death of Councillor Sherlock, this place on the Crook O'Lune Advisory Committee is now vacant.
- 1.3 Accordingly, it is necessary for Planning and Highways Regulatory Committee to consider appointing another Member to the Committee.

**2.0 Proposal Details**

- 2.1 The Crook O'Lune Advisory Committee is one of a number of outside bodies which Councillors are appointed to. Council appoints three Members to the Committee; one is the ward member for Halton-with-Aughton (Councillor Frea); one is a ward member for Lower Lune Valley (Councillor Parkinson); and the third appointment is for the Council's Planning and Highways Regulatory Committee to make.
- 2.2 Following the recent vacancy on the Crook O'Lune Advisory Committee, Members are therefore asked to make nominations and appoint at this meeting.

### **3.0 Background**

3.1 Some background information about the role has been provided below to assist Members:

- The Crook O'Lune Advisory Committee meets rarely and is known to conduct most business via email. Its primary function is to look after the 'Hermitage Field' which was gifted to the Council in perpetuity many decades ago.
- The Hermitage Field, was once owned by the Halton Park Estate and sold to the owner of the Hermitage Hotel during the 1930's to provide fresh produce for the hotel and its guests.
- The hotel fell into financial difficulties and as a result the field was purchased by a group of private subscribers and the local authorities namely: Lunesdale Rural District, Lancaster City, Morecambe & Heysham Borough, and Lancashire County Council. The field was to be retained by the local authority, currently Lancaster City Council, and administered by the Crook O'Lune Advisory Committee.

### **5.0 Conclusion**

5.1 Members are asked to appoint a Member of the Planning and Highways Regulatory Committee to the Crook O'Lune Advisory Committee.

#### **CONCLUSION OF IMPACT ASSESSMENT**

**(including Health & Safety, Equality & Diversity, Human Rights, Community Safety, Sustainability and Rural Proofing):**

None.

#### **LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

None.

#### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

Members of outside bodies are entitled to travel expenses. Costs resulting from this appointment should be minimal and would be met from existing democratic representation budgets.

#### **OTHER RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS, such as Human Resources, Information Services, Property, Open Spaces:**

**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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