

CABINET

Cabinet Appointments to Outside Bodies 19 January 2010

Report of Chief Executive

PURPOSE OF REPORT			
To consider the Cabinet appointment to the Local Government Association Coastal Issues Special Interest Group.			
Key Decision	<input type="checkbox"/>	Non-Key Decision	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Officer Referral	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Date Included in Forward Plan	N/A		
This report is public			

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION:

- (1) That Cabinet considers its appointment to the Local Government Association Coastal Issues Special Interest Group.

1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 Members will recall that, at the meeting on 6 June 2009, Cabinet considered its appointments to Outside Bodies, Partnerships and Boards. Cabinet resolved to appoint Councillor Archer (Portfolio Holder for the Economy) to the LGA Coastal Issues Special Interest Group.

2.0 Proposal Details

- 2.1 It is appropriate for appointments to be closely aligned to cabinet responsibilities. The objectives in the terms of reference for the LGA Coastal Issues Special Interest Group (Appendix A) list environmental, as well as economic and social issues.
- 2.2 In order to better align appointments with Cabinet members' portfolios, Cabinet is therefore asked to consider whether Councillor Archer should remain as the appointed Cabinet Member to the LGA Coastal Issues Special Interests Group.

3.0 Options and Options Analysis (including risk assessment)

- 3.1 Option 1: To note existing arrangements and make no amendment to the representative on the LGA Coastal Issues Special Interests Group.

3.2 Option 2: To replace the Cabinet Member with responsibility for the Economy with the Cabinet Member with responsibility for the Environment to serve on the LGA Coastal Issues Special Interests Group.

3.3 Option 3: Another option as proposed by Cabinet.

4.0 Officer Preferred Option (and comments)

4.1 There is no officer preferred option, however, it is recommended that appointments to outside bodies be aligned as closely as possible to individual Cabinet Members' portfolios.

RELATIONSHIP TO POLICY FRAMEWORK

The 2009-12 Corporate Plan notes 'Leading our Communities' as one of Lancaster City Council's core values. Representation on outside bodies forms part of this Community Leadership role.

CONCLUSION OF IMPACT ASSESSMENT

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

Lack of appropriate representation on the LGA Coastal Issues Special Interest Group has the potential to impact on the coastal communities in the district.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no significant financial implications as a result of this report. Members appointed to outside bodies are entitled to travel expenses and these will be met from within existing budgets.

SECTION 151 OFFICER'S COMMENTS

Section 151 Officer has been consulted and has no comments

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no Legal implications arising directly from this Report.

MONITORING OFFICER'S COMMENTS

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

BACKGROUND PAPERS

Agenda and minutes of Cabinet meeting held on 2 June 2009

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LGA Coastal Issues Special Interest Group
(Extract from Terms of Reference)

Objectives:

The Objectives of the Coastal Issues Special Interest Group ("the Group") are:

- To increase awareness and debate at a national and European Level of environmental, economic and social issues and concerns that directly affect or which may so affect coastal, estuarine and maritime communities;
- To act as a focus for liaison between local authorities and other bodies representing coastal, estuarine and maritime interests;
- To secure improved cross-departmental co-ordination with Government on coastal, estuarine and maritime issues with a view to ensuring consistency in policy and the provision of resources.
- To work in partnership with other organisations with complimentary aims.