

Appointments to Outside Bodies – Preston and Western Lancashire Racial Equality Council

**10 November 2021
Report of the Chief Executive**

PURPOSE OF REPORT

To consider appointing to a vacancy on the Preston and Western Lancashire Racial Equality Council.

This report is public

RECOMMENDATION

- (1) **That Council considers appointing a representative to the Preston and Western Lancashire Racial Equality Council.**

1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 On 20th May 2019 when appointments were made to outside bodies following the elections, Councillor Erica Lewis was appointed to the Preston and Western Lancashire Racial Equality Council (PWLREC) Board as a co-opted member.
- 1.2 Councillor Lewis recently resigned from the position. A vacancy now exists for this position, which is one that Council previously decided should be filled by nominations and voting at Council.
- 1.3 Council is asked to consider making an appointment at this meeting.

2.0 The PWLREC

- 2.1 Preston and Western Lancashire Racial Equality Council was established in 1968. The agency serves an area, which spans various district councils in the West Lancashire area. Namely the Boroughs of Preston, Blackpool, Wyre, Fylde, South Ribble, Chorley, the district of West Lancashire, the City of Lancaster and Blackburn with Darwen.
- 2.3 Preston and Western Lancashire Racial Equality Council is a voluntary organisation, which receives financial support from the Big Lottery Fund, Lancashire County Council and Preston City Council.
- 2.4 Before Covid, REDC Board meetings took place on a Monday evening at 6.30pm for around 1.5 hours in Preston at their Community Centre bi-monthly, so there would be six meetings per year with an additional AGM in June/July each year.

3.0 Conclusion

3.1 Council is asked to consider appointing a representative to the PWLREDC.

CONCLUSION OF IMPACT ASSESSMENT (including Health & Safety, Equality & Diversity, Human Rights, Community Safety, Sustainability and Rural Proofing) None directly arising from this report.	
LEGAL IMPLICATIONS None directly arising from this report.	
FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS Members of outside bodies are entitled to travel expenses. Costs resulting from any appointment should be minimal and would be met from existing democratic representation budgets.	
OTHER RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS Human Resources: None Information Services: None Property: None Open Spaces: None	
SECTION 151 OFFICER'S COMMENTS The s151 Officer has been consulted and has no further comments.	
DEPUTY MONITORING OFFICER'S COMMENTS This report has been drafted by the Deputy Monitoring Officer in her capacity as Head of Democratic Services.	
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