

COUNCIL

Appointment to an Outside Body – Board of Trustees of the Lancaster Charity

28 February 2024

Report of the Senior Manager, Democratic Support and Elections

PURPOSE OF REPORT

To consider nominating a Councillor to be appointed to the vacancy on the Board of Trustees of the Lancaster Charity.

This report is public

RECOMMENDATION

- (1) That Council notes the vacancy on the Board of Trustees of the Lancaster Charity and that the six representatives on that body have previously been selected by nomination and voting at full Council. *(see paragraph 3.2 of the report).*
- (2) That nominations be made and voted upon at this meeting and a name put forward for appointment to the Board of Trustees until the next City Council elections in 2027.

1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 At the Annual Council meeting on 22 May 2023 following the elections, Councillors Brookes, Budden, Cozler, MacGregor, Pritchard and Redfern were nominated by full Council to serve on the Board of Trustees of the Lancaster Charity. Following Councillor MacGregor's recent resignation, there is now one vacancy on the Charity's Board.

2.0 The Lancaster Charity

- 2.1 The Lancaster Charity's website [HERE](#) provides lots of information about its purpose and work.
- 2.2 Democratic Support understand that Trustees are required to attend four meetings per year on the second Tuesday of January, April (AGM), July and October. Meetings take place in Lancaster at 10.30am and usually take around one hour. In addition, Trustees host a Christmas lunch for residents on the first Tuesday in December at a local hotel venue, so would be required to attend that event. There are also occasional outings during the year which Trustees are encouraged to support and attend, such as a summer day trip and a trip to see

Blackpool illuminations.

3.0 Proposal Details

- 3.1 Members are asked to nominate one Councillor at this meeting, noting paragraph 3.2, below. The term of office, if appointed to the Board of Trustees, will extend to the next elections in May 2027.
- 3.2 The basis of selecting Councillors to be put forward for the six positions on the Board of Trustees has always been by nomination and voting at Council and this was re-confirmed on 22 May 2023. Should Members now feel that it should be some other basis, such as by virtue of position (Cabinet Member or Ward Member, for example) then such a proposition will need to be made at the meeting and voted upon before nominations are sought.

4.0 Conclusion

- 4.1 Council is asked to consider recommending a Councillor to be appointed to the Board of Trustees of the Lancaster Charity at this meeting for the reasons set out in this report.

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| CONCLUSION OF IMPACT ASSESSMENT |
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| (including Health & Safety, Equality & Diversity, Human Rights, Community Safety, Sustainability and Rural Proofing) |
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| None directly arising from this report. |
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| LEGAL IMPLICATIONS |
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| None directly arising from this report. |
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| FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS |
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| 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. |
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| OTHER RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS |
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| SECTION 151 OFFICER'S COMMENTS |
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| The Section 151 Officer has been consulted and has no comments. |
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| MONITORING OFFICER'S COMMENTS |
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| BACKGROUND PAPERS |
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