

CABINET

URGENT BUSINESS ALLOCATION OF CABINET APPOINTMENTS 11TH DECEMBER 2007

Report of Head of Democratic Services

PURPOSE OF REPORT			
To advise of those appointments to partnerships and outside bodies which require re-allocation following the resignation of Councillor Histed from the Cabinet.			
Key Decision	<input type="checkbox"/>	Non-Key Decision	Referral from Cabinet Member
Date Included in Forward Plan	N/A		
This report is public			

RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE LEADER

That Cabinet consider the allocation of those appointments set out in paragraph 2.3 of the report to the appropriate Cabinet member and agree:

- (1) That the appointment to the Local Strategic Partnership vacancy be deferred pending consideration by the LSP of a revised Constitution when it may be that the second representative appointed by the Council will be appointed to act as a substitute on the LSP Executive.
- (2) That Councillor Tony Johnson be appointed to fill the remaining vacancies on:
 - Community Safety Strategy Group
 - Lancashire Rural Partnership
 - Lancashire Canal Restoration Partnership
 - LGA Rural Commission

1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 Cabinet will be aware that Councillor Val Histed has resigned from the Cabinet and Councillor Tony Johnson has been appointed as the Conservative Group Cabinet Member for the remainder of 2007/08 to fill the resultant vacancy. The decision to appoint Councillor Johnson was taken by means of the Council's urgent business provisions in order to avoid the requirement to allocate portfolio responsibilities on an interim basis and will be reported to the next meeting of full Council.

2.0 Proposal Details

- 2.1 The Leader has indicated that Councillor Johnson will take on the Cabinet portfolio responsibilities relinquished by Councillor Histed.
- 2.2 Councillor Histed was appointed to a number of outside bodies and partnerships by virtue of her role as Cabinet Member with responsibility for Social Environment, Rural Areas and Community Planning.
- 2.3 It is now for Cabinet to decide the reallocation of these appointments as follows:
- Lancaster Local Strategic Partnership
 - Community Safety Strategy Group
 - Lancashire Rural Partnership
 - Lancashire Canal Restoration Partnership
 - LGA Rural Commission

3.0 Details of Consultation

- 3.1 Not applicable

4.0 Options and Options Analysis (including risk assessment)

- 4.1 It is for Cabinet to decide on the appointment of a Cabinet member to the above bodies and the options are therefore to appoint Councillor Johnson who has replaced Councillor Histed or to agree that another Cabinet Member takes on the role of any of these appointments.

5.0 Officer Preferred Option (and comments)

- 5.1 There is no officer preferred option.

6.0 Conclusion

- 6.1 Vacancies have been created on a number of outside bodies and partnerships following the resignation from Cabinet of Councillor Histed. Cabinet are requested to make the necessary appointments to these bodies without delay.

RELATIONSHIP TO POLICY FRAMEWORK

Representation on Outside Bodies and Partnerships is part of the City Council's community leadership role.

CONCLUSION OF IMPACT ASSESSMENT

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

None

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no additional financial implications as a result of this report – funding is available in existing budgets to pay appointed Members of outside bodies who are entitled to travel expenses for attendance at outside body and partnership meetings.

SECTION 151 OFFICER'S COMMENTS

The Section 151 Officer has been consulted and has no comments to add.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no legal implications as a result of this report – the appointment of a Cabinet member is in line with Council's decision on the basis on which such appointments should be made.

MONITORING OFFICER'S COMMENTS

The Monitoring Officer has been consulted and has no comments to add.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

None

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