

# **Council Business Committee**

## **Lancaster District Local Strategic Partnership Appointments and Constitution Partnerships and Boards 6<sup>th</sup> March 2008**

### **Report of Chief Executive**

#### **PURPOSE OF REPORT**

**This report enables Council Business Committee to note the adopted Lancaster District Local Strategic Partnership constitution and in accordance with the request from the Local Strategic Partnership Executive to determine the basis for appointments to Local Strategic Partnership.**

**This report is public**

#### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

- (1) That Council Business Committee note the adopted Lancaster District Local Strategic Partnership constitution as set out at appendix A.**
- (2) That Council Business Committee agree that Cabinet should appoint the member and substitute member for the Lancaster District Local Strategic Partnership Board and Management Group from among their number.**
- (3) That it be agreed that Cabinet should make future appointments to Lancaster District Local Strategic Partnership Thematic Groups, as requested.**

#### **1.0 Introduction**

- 1.1 In October 2003 it was agreed that Council would determine the basis on which all appointments to outside bodies and partnerships are made. Unless otherwise requested by the outside body concerned, appointments are made to the date of the next City Council elections, subject to confirmation at each Annual Council meeting.
- 1.2 Council has the option to make any appointment on a PR basis or by virtue of a Councillor's position, such as a Cabinet Member, Committee Chairman or Ward Councillor. Where an appointment is made on the basis of PR, the appointing Group(s) may notify the Head of Democratic Services in writing of their appointment without the need for further Council approval. Where necessary, Cabinet or other Committee representatives are referred to the relevant body for appointment.
- 1.3 The Lancaster District Local Strategic Partnership has recently been reviewed to ensure that it is better placed to effectively deliver the Sustainable Community Strategy. As part of this process a new constitution has been adopted which will take effect from the agreed appointed day 1<sup>st</sup> June 2008. In order to enable the Board and Management Group to operate on a shadow basis to manage the transition, organisations that make up the board and management group have been requested

to appoint representatives. Therefore to enable Cabinet to appoint at its meeting on 18<sup>th</sup> March 2008, Council Business Committee is requested to consider this in accordance with the process for urgent business, where it is deemed impractical to convene a meeting of full Council.

## **2.0 Proposals**

### **2.1 Lancaster District Local Strategic Partnership Board and Management Group**

2.1.1 As part of the newly adopted governance arrangements for the Lancaster District Local Strategic Partnership, the City Council has been requested to appoint representatives to the new Lancaster District Local Strategic Partnership Board and Management Group.

2.1.2 It is left to the appointing authority to decide who should most appropriately represent their organisation. As part of the proposed changes to the Lancaster District Local Strategic Partnership, the Partnership has acknowledged the role of Overview and Scrutiny in carrying out scrutiny of partnerships and to avoid a conflict of interest Overview and Scrutiny have indicated that they should not be members of Lancaster District Local Strategic Partnership but should have observer status. It is therefore recommended that Cabinet is best placed to appoint to the Partnership Board and Management Group. It is envisaged that there will be requests for the City Council to appoint to Lancaster District Local Strategic Partnership Thematic Groups and once again, it is believed Cabinet are best placed to appoint to these bodies.

## **3.0 Details of Consultation**

3.1 Not applicable

## **4.0 Options and Options Analysis (including risk assessment)**

4.1 As referred to in paragraph 1.3 above Council has the option to decide whether any appointment should be made on a PR basis or by virtue of a Councillor's position, such as a Cabinet Member, Committee Chairman or Ward Councillor and the most appropriate form of representative should be considered in each case.

4.2 Unless there is a statutory duty to participate, Council may also determine that there is no benefit to be gained from representation and decline the invitation. There is no statutory duty in respect of the invitations presented to Council in this report.

## **5.0 Conclusion**

5.1 Annual Council agreed the basis of all appointments to Outside Bodies, Partnerships and Boards using a combination of proportional representation and in line with a Member's role such as Ward Councillor, Cabinet member, Overview & Scrutiny member, etc.

5.2 Since then the Council bodies such as Cabinet and Overview & Scrutiny have made their appointments and political groups have forwarded their appointments to the Head of Democratic Services.

5.3 This report sets out a request to make a new appointment.

**CONCLUSION OF IMPACT ASSESSMENT**

There are no direct implications as a result of this report

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

Members of Outside Bodies are entitled to travel expenses. Any extra costs resulting from these additional appointments are not likely to be significant and may be offset by the discontinuation of other appointments. Any extra costs can therefore be funded from within existing democratic representation budgets.

**SECTION 151 OFFICER'S COMMENTS**

The Section 151 Officer has been consulted and has no further comments.

**LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

There are no legal implications

**MONITORING OFFICER'S COMMENTS**

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

**BACKGROUND PAPERS**

Letter form Lancaster District Local Strategic Partnership

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