

CABINET

ALLOCATION OF CABINET APPOINTMENTS 8th July 2008

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 Johnson 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:

That Councillor Susie Charles be appointed to fill the vacancies on the following Partnerships and Outside Bodies following the resignation of Councillor Tony Johnson:

- LSP Management Group substitute.
- Arnsdale and Silverdale AONB Unit Arnsdale and Silverdale AONB (Forum, Countryside Management Service and Limestone Heritage Project)
- Forest of Bowland AONB Advisory Committee
- Lancashire Rural Affairs
- Lancashire Rural Partnership
- Lancaster Canal Restoration Partnership
- North West Rural Affairs Forum
- LGA Rural Commission

1.0 Introduction

1.1 Cabinet will be aware that Councillor Tony Johnson has resigned from the Cabinet and Councillor Susie Charles has been appointed by Council as the Conservative Group Cabinet Member to fill the resultant vacancy.

2.0 Proposal Details

2.1 The Leader has indicated that Councillor Charles will take on the Cabinet portfolio responsibilities relinquished by Councillor Johnson.

2.2 Councillor Johnson was appointed to a number of outside bodies and partnerships by virtue of his role as Cabinet Member with responsibility for Rural Areas, Performance Management and Efficiency.

2.3 It is now for Cabinet to decide the reallocation of these appointments as follows:

- LSP Management Group substitute.
- Arnsdale and Silverdale AONB Unit Arnsdale and Silverdale AONB (Forum, Countryside Management Service and Limestone Heritage Project)
- Forest of Bowland AONB Advisory Committee
- Lancashire Rural Affairs
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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 Charles who has replaced Councillor Johnson or to agree that another Cabinet Member takes on the role of any of these appointments.

5.0 Conclusion

5.1 Vacancies have been created on a number of outside bodies and partnerships following the resignation from Cabinet of Councillor Johnson. Cabinet is 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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