

CABINET

Cabinet Appointments to Outside Bodies, Partnerships and Boards

23rd June 2009

Report of Chief Executive

PURPOSE OF REPORT				
To consider issues arising from the decisions made at Cabinet on 2 nd June 2009, regarding the appointment to the Lancaster and District Vision Board and named substitutes on the North Lancashire Local Action Group Executive Group and the Lancaster District Local Strategic Partnership (LDLSP) Thematic Groups.				
Key Decision		Non-Key Decision	X	Referral from Cabinet Member
Date Included in Forward Plan	N/A.			
This report is public.				

RECOMMENDATIONS OF COUNCILLOR LANGHORN

- (1) That Cabinet appoint the Leader of the Council to the Lancaster and District Vision Board, in line with the Vision Board Constitution.
- (2) That Cabinet consider appointing substitute Members to
 - the North Lancashire Local Action Group Executive Group
 - the LDLSP thematic groups

1. Introduction

- 1.1 At its last meeting, Cabinet considered appointments to outside bodies, partnerships and boards.
- 1.2 Since the meeting, it has been pointed out that the Leader of the Council is entitled to be appointed to the Lancaster and District Vision Board, as set out in the Vision Board Constitution (relevant extract attached). Members should note that Council has determined that the second City Councillor should be a Member of Overview and Scrutiny.
- 1.3 Also since the meeting, the North Lancashire Local Action Group has requested the name of a substitute Member for the Executive Group to

ensure that the Council has representation at all meetings. All bodies on the Group are required to name a substitute in the event that the named Member cannot attend and this has been requested in an effort to ensure that all meetings will be quorate.

- 1.4 It has also been noted that the LDLSP constitution requires any substitutes to be named. Although substitutes were named at the last meeting for the LDLSP Board and Management Group, there were no substitutes named for the Thematic Groups. Members may therefore wish to name substitutes to the Thematic Groups listed on the table below.
- 1.5 It should be noted that named substitutes for Thematic Groups are not Cabinet Members assigned to attend and work with the Thematic Group as non-voting co-optees, as provided for in the LDLSP Constitution.

LANCASTER DISTRICT LOCAL STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP

Organisation	Current Appointment
LSP Partnership Board (+ substitute)	Councillor Mace Substitute: Councillor Langhorn
LSP Management Group (+ substitute)	Councillor Langhorn Substitute: Councillor Mace
LSP Children & Young People Thematic Group	Councillor Ashworth
LSP Economy Thematic Group	Councillor Archer
LSP Environment Thematic Group	Councillor Barry
LSP Safety Thematic Group	Councillor Blamire
LSP Health and Wellbeing Thematic Group	Councillor Kerr
LSP Education, Skills and Opportunities Thematic Group	Councillor Bryning
LSP Valuing People Thematic Group	Councillor Fletcher

2. Options and Options Analysis

2.1 The options regarding the Vision Board are:

- (a) To appoint the Leader of the Council to the Lancaster and District Vision Board, in line with the Vision Board Constitution.
- (b) To consider and approve, where appropriate, any other proposals from Cabinet Members, requesting a change to the Vision Board Constitution, if necessary.

- 2.2 The options regarding appointing substitutes are:
- (a) To name a substitute for the North Lancashire Local Action Group Executive Group and substitutes for any or all of the LDLSP Thematic Groups
 - (b) Not to name substitutes for any or all of the above Groups. If this were the case, the Council would not be represented should the representative be unable to attend, as unappointed substitutes are not permitted.

3.0 Officer Preferred Option and Comments

- 3.1 It is recommended that the Leader be appointed to the Lancaster and District Vision Board, in line with the Board's Constitution, and that substitutes be named for the North Lancashire Local Action Group, as requested, and for the LDLSP Thematic Groups, in line with the LDLSP Constitution.

<p>RELATIONSHIP TO POLICY FRAMEWORK</p> <p>Representation on Outside Bodies is part of the City Council's community leadership role.</p>	
<p>CONCLUSION OF IMPACT ASSESSMENT (including Diversity, Human Rights, Community Safety, Sustainability etc)</p> <p>The proposals provide clear focus, transparency, accessibility and inclusiveness in the Council's Executive decision-making processes.</p>	
<p>FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS</p> <p>There are no significant financial implications with regard to the recommendations. Resources are available to provide the necessary level of support. Members of outside bodies are entitled to travel expenses which are currently being funded from within existing budgets.</p>	
<p>SECTION 151 OFFICER'S COMMENTS</p> <p>The Section 151 Officer has been consulted and has no further comments.</p>	
<p>LEGAL IMPLICATIONS</p> <p>There are no legal implications as a result of this report.</p>	
<p>MONITORING OFFICER'S COMMENTS</p> <p>The Deputy Monitoring Officer has been consulted and has no further comments.</p>	
<p>BACKGROUND PAPERS</p> <p>Council Agenda and Minutes.</p>	<p>Contact Officer: Debbie Chambers Telephone: 582057 E-mail: dchambersi@lancaster.gov.uk</p>