

CABINET

Review of Cabinet Appointments to Outside Bodies, Partnerships and Boards

27 July 2010

Report of the Chief Executive

PURPOSE OF REPORT			
To review Cabinet appointments to a Cabinet Liaison Group, Outside Bodies, Partnerships and Boards following the resignation of the Cabinet Member with special responsibility for Education and Skills.			
Key Decision	<input type="checkbox"/>	Non-Key Decision	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Referral from Officer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Date Included in Forward Plan	Not applicable.		
This report is public.			

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

- (1) That Cabinet considers the appointments to a Cabinet Liaison Group, Outside Bodies, Partnerships and Boards now vacant, following the resignation of the Cabinet Member with special responsibility for Education and Skills.

1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 Members will be aware of the resignation from Cabinet of the Cabinet Member with responsibility for Education and Skills on 16th June 2010.
- 1.2 Cabinet is requested to consider appointing appropriate representative(s) to the positions now vacant.

2.0 Proposal Details

- 2.1 At its meeting, held on 1st June 2010, Cabinet was provided with a report that gave consideration to Cabinet Liaison Groups and Appointments to Outside Bodies, Partnerships and Boards. Councillor Woodruff was appointed to a number of Outside Bodies, Partnerships and Boards on a provisional basis, pending his acceptance of the Cabinet position. Since that meeting Councillor Woodruff has resigned as a Cabinet Member.
- 2.2 In view of the above Cabinet is asked to make appointments to the following.

2.3 Cabinet Liaison Groups

In accordance with Part 4 Section 4 of the City Council's Constitution Members are requested to consider membership of the Universities Cabinet Liaison Group, to which Councillor Woodruff was appointed on the basis of Portfolio responsibilities.

2.4 Outside Bodies, Partnerships and Boards

Cabinet is also asked to consider the appointments to outside bodies, partnerships and boards.

Members are reminded that Members nominated to outside bodies, partnerships and boards by Cabinet are representing the views of Cabinet in such positions, rather than any views they might hold as individuals.

Attached as an Appendix to the report is a list of all organisations to which Cabinet appointed Councillor Woodruff on the basis of Portfolio responsibilities.

Also set out in the Appendix is a list of appointments to the Lancaster District Local Strategic Partnership (LDLSP) and Lancaster and District Vision Board for consideration.

2.5 All appointments that require consideration as a result of the resignation of a Cabinet Member are set out in the Appendix to this report.

3.0 Options and Options Analysis (including risk assessment)

3.1 Option 1: To appoint an appropriate Cabinet Member to the Cabinet Liaison Group and also as the representative or substitute representative to each of the outside bodies, partnerships and boards.

3.2 Option 2: Cabinet could choose not to appoint to the outside bodies, partnerships and Boards. However, this would leave the Council without appropriate representation on those bodies.

3.3 Option 3: Another option that may be proposed by Cabinet.

4.0 Officer Preferred Option (and comments)

4.1 Option 1 is the officer preferred option to ensure that the Council continues to be appropriately represented on the relevant outside bodies, partnerships and boards. It is recommended that appointments be aligned to individual Cabinet Members' portfolios as closely as possible.

RELATIONSHIP TO POLICY FRAMEWORK

The 2009-12 Corporate Plan notes 'Leading our Communities' as one of Lancaster City Council's core values. Representation on outside bodies forms part of this Community Leadership role.

CONCLUSION OF IMPACT ASSESSMENT

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

Lack of appropriate representation outside bodies and partnerships has the potential to affect the Council's ability to perform its community leadership role.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no significant financial implications as a result of this report. Members appointed to outside bodies are entitled to travel expenses and these will be met from within existing budgets.

SECTION 151 OFFICER'S COMMENTS

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

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no legal implications arising directly from this report.

MONITORING OFFICER'S COMMENTS

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

BACKGROUND PAPERS

Report to Cabinet and Cabinet minute of 1st June 2010.

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APPENDIX A

CABINET LIAISON GROUP

Cabinet Liaison Group	Basis of appointment made at meeting on 1st June 2010
Universities	The Cabinet Member with Responsibility for Education and Skills.

APPOINTMENTS TO BE MADE BY CABINET

Organisation
Arnsdale and Silverdale AONB Unit Executive Committee
Forest of Bowland AONB Advisory Committee
Lancashire Rural Affairs
Lancashire Rural Partnership
LGA Rural Commission
North West Rural Affairs Forum

LANCASTER DISTRICT LOCAL STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP

Organisation	Appointment made at meeting on 1st June 2010
LDLSP Education, Skills and Opportunities Thematic Group	Councillor Woodruff (+ Councillor Bryning substitute)

LANCASTER AND DISTRICT VISION BOARD

Organisation	Appointment made at meeting on 1st June 2010
Lancaster and District Business and Knowledge Innovation Steering Group	Councillor Woodruff