

CABINET

Appointments to Outside Bodies – Lancaster Business Improvement District (BID) Management Group 23 April 2013

Report of the Head of Governance

PURPOSE OF REPORT			
To appoint the appropriate Cabinet Member to the Lancaster Business Improvement District (BID) Management Group.			
Key Decision	<input type="checkbox"/>	Non-Key Decision	<input type="checkbox"/>
Referral from Council			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Date of notice of forthcoming key decision	N/A		
This report is public			

RECOMMENDATIONS

- (1) That Councillor Janice Hanson, as the Portfolio Holder for Economic Regeneration, be appointed to the Lancaster BID Management Group.

1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 At its meeting on 27 February 2013, Council considered a report to decide the basis of appointment to the Lancaster BID Management Group.
- 1.2 It was noted that Councillor Hanson, as Cabinet Member for Economic Regeneration, had been appointed by Cabinet to the BID Steering Group in July 2011 and that a new representative Management Group of local business/stakeholders was being recruited to oversee the delivery of projects and provide strategic overview of the Lancaster Unlimited BID initiative and its management arrangements. There was one seat on the Group for a Member to represent Lancaster City Council as a BID levy payer and key stakeholder and Council was asked to decide the basis of the appointment to that seat.

2.0 Proposal Details

- 2.1 Council resolved that the appointment be on the basis of appropriate Cabinet Member and the matter has therefore been referred to Cabinet to make that appointment at this meeting.
- 2.2 Council also resolved to ask the BID if they would agree to invite the appropriate Ward Councillor to also sit on the Management Group. That request has been made and a response is awaited.

3.0 Conclusion

- 3.1 Cabinet is therefore asked, in line with the wishes of Council, to appoint the portfolio holder for Economic Regeneration to the Lancaster BID Management Group.

RELATIONSHIP TO POLICY FRAMEWORK

None.

CONCLUSION OF IMPACT ASSESSMENT

(including Health & Safety, Equality & Diversity, Human Rights, Community Safety, HR, Sustainability and Rural Proofing)

None directly arising from this report.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

The Lancaster BID Management Group will be an unincorporated body working in an advisory capacity to the Accountable Body for the BID levy monies North and Western Lancashire Chamber of Commerce. The Management Group will have no legal "Accountable Body" responsibilities with regard to the financial management or implementation of the BID – those responsibilities being defined under and Operational Agreement between the Council and the Accountable Body. The Management Group will act in a directing and monitoring capacity to ensure local input into decision making and oversight/scrutiny of the BID arrangements.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Members of outside bodies are entitled to travelling expenses. Any costs resulting from this appointment should be minimal and would be met from within existing democratic representation budgets.

OTHER RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

Human Resources:

Officer support to the Council's Management Group appointee will be provided by and officer from within the existing resources of the Council's Regeneration and Planning Service.

Information Services: None.

Property: None.

Open Spaces: None.

SECTION 151 OFFICER'S COMMENTS

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

MONITORING OFFICER'S COMMENTS

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

BACKGROUND PAPERS

none

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