

# COUNCIL

## Appointments to Outside Bodies – Lancaster District Children and Young People’s Trust Board

11 September 2013

### Report of the Head of Governance

#### PURPOSE OF REPORT

To ask Council to consider the basis of appointment to Lancaster District Children and Young People’s Trust Board and to make an appointment, as appropriate.

**This report is public**

#### RECOMMENDATIONS

- (1) That Council considers the basis of appointment to Lancaster District Children and Young People’s Trust Board and that:
- (a) if the basis of appointment is decided as by virtue of position as Cabinet Member, that the matter be referred to Cabinet to appoint; or
  - (b) if the basis of appointment is decided as by virtue of position as Champion for Children and Young People, that the appointment be made at this meeting; or
  - (c) if the basis of appointment is decided as by nomination and voting at Council, that nominations be received and an appointment made at this meeting.

#### 1.0 Background

- 1.1 In previous years, Council has decided the basis of appointment to the Lancaster District Children and Young People’s Trust Board should be made by virtue of role and Cabinet has been asked to appoint the relevant portfolio holder. Last municipal year the appointment was Councillor Sands as Cabinet Member for Children and Young People, Culture and Tourism.
- 1.2 In May 2013, the Council made an appointment to the role of Children and Young People’s Champion for the municipal year 2013/14. The appointed Member was Councillor Joyce Taylor. Councillors Sands’ portfolio responsibilities changed to Leisure, Culture and Tourism on 13 May 2013 and responsibility for Children and Young People was not transferred to another Cabinet Member.

## **2.0 Proposal and Options**

2.1 The Lancaster District Children and Young People's Trust now wishes to appoint a District Councillor to its Board.

2.2 The options open to Council are:

- (a) To agree that the appointment should continue to be made by Cabinet on the basis of role or position as Cabinet Member.
- (b) To agree that the appointment should continue to be made on the basis of role or position, but that the appropriate role is now the Council's Champion for Children and Young People.
- (c) To make the basis of appointment as nomination and voting at Council.
- (d) Not to appoint.

If option (a) is chosen, the matter would be referred to Cabinet for appointment.

If option (b) is chosen, Councillor Taylor, Children and Young People's Champion for 2013/14 would be appointed at this meeting.

If option (c) is chosen, Council would be asked to make nominations and appoint at this meeting.

2.3 It should be noted that the County Council have nominated Councillor Chris Henig who is not a Cabinet Member.

## **3.0 Dates and times of meetings**

3.1 Board meetings are held 4 times a year; usually at Lancaster Town Hall.

3.2 Additionally, Lancaster District Children and Young People's Trust Partnership Meetings are held three times a year, and these are usually in the format of workshop events focussing on a particular area of the Trust's work and priorities. Board Members are invited to attend all Partnership meetings. They are usually informal meetings which are well attended by many representatives from organisations and agencies operating in the district providing services and activities for children, young people and families.

3.3 The dates and times of meetings for the rest of 2013 are:-

- Board - Thursday 3rd October 9.30 - 12noon
- Partnership - Wednesday 6th November 9.30am - 12noon

3.4 Meetings for 2014 have not been scheduled yet; however both Board and Partnership meetings are likely to be on a Wednesday morning. All meetings will be during school term time as there are five education representatives on the Board and the chairman is a Headteacher.

#### 4.0 Membership of the Trust Board

4.1 For Members' information, the 13 member Board is made up as follows:-

<b>Organisation or sector</b>	<b>No. of members</b>
Lancashire County Council	1
District Council	1
Elected Member - County Coun	1
Elected Member – District Coun	1
Health - provider	1
Health - commissioner	1
Lancashire Constabulary	1
Voluntary, Community & Faith	1
Early Years sector	1
Education sector	3
Further Education College	1

#### 5.0 Conclusion

5.1 Council is asked to consider the basis of appointment to the Lancaster District Children's Trust Board, as set out in this report.

<b>CONCLUSION OF IMPACT ASSESSMENT</b> (including Health & Safety, Equality & Diversity, Human Rights, Community Safety, Sustainability and Rural Proofing) There are no direct implications as a result of this report.	
<b>LEGAL IMPLICATIONS</b> There are no legal implications as a direct result of this report.	
<b>FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS</b> Members of outside bodies are entitled to travel expenses which are currently being funded from existing budgets.	
<b>OTHER RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS</b> None.	
<b>SECTION 151 OFFICER'S COMMENTS</b> The Section 151 Officer has been consulted and has no further comments.	
<b>MONITORING OFFICER'S COMMENTS</b> The Monitoring Officer has been consulted and has no further comments.	
<b>BACKGROUND PAPERS</b> None.	<b>Contact Officer:</b> Debbie Chambers <b>Telephone:</b> 01524582057 <b>E-mail:</b> dchambers@lancaster.gov.uk <b>Ref:</b>