

COUNCIL BUSINESS COMMITTEE

Appointment to Outside Bodies 29th June 2006

Report of Head of Democratic Services

PURPOSE OF REPORT

To consider the future appointment of a Council representative on Lancaster Boys Club.

This report is public

RECOMMENDATIONS

That Council consider the issue of Council representation on Lancaster Boys Club and both the Boys club and Lancashire County Council be advised accordingly.

1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 The City Council has for a number of years appointed a representative to serve on the Lancaster Boys Club Executive Committee.
- 1.2 Council has agreed that this appointment be made on the basis of PR (proportional representation) and at the present time this is therefore a Labour Group appointment.
- 1.3 The Labour Group has appointed a non-Councillor representative since May 2003 who has reported back that for some time he has been attempting to deal with some issues raised by the County Council regarding the management of the Club. He has also reported that rather than deal with these issues the Club Committee members have made it difficult for the Council's representative. The Boys Club have approached the Council and asked for his removal. Despite attempting initially to continue as the council representative, he has recently resigned.
- 1.4 The Labour Group do not wish to make a further appointment and are of the view that the Council should no longer take part in the management of this Club.

2.0 Proposal Details

- 2.1 It is therefore suggested that the City Council consider whether or not to make a further appointment and advise the Boys Club and Lancashire County Council accordingly.

3.0 Options and Options Analysis (including risk assessment)

- 3.1 Option 1 – make an appointment – this falls to the Labour Group on the basis of PR

- 3.2 Option 2 – not make an appointment - If the Labour Group fails to make an appointment, the normal course of action is to hold the position vacant for 3 months and then to offer the position to any other Group who may wish to make an appointment. In this case however the Labour Group is requesting that other Groups support the view that an appointment should not be made.
- 3.3 Option 3 – make an appointment but advise the Boys Club of the Council's disapproval at the way its representative has been treated.

CONCLUSION OF IMPACT ASSESSMENT

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

No direct implications

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Members of outside bodies are entitled to travel expenses, which are currently funded from within existing budgets.

SECTION 151 OFFICER'S COMMENTS

The S151 Officer has been consulted and has no comments to add.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Legal Services have been consulted and have no comments on this report.

MONITORING OFFICER'S COMMENTS

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

BACKGROUND PAPERS

Letter of resignation dated 2nd June 2006 – exempt from publication by virtue of paragraph 2 of Schedule 12 A of the Local Government Act (as amended)

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