

# COUNCIL

## **Appointments to Outside Bodies – The Dukes Board, Board of Trustees of the Lancaster Charity and Growth Lancashire**

**15 November 2017  
Report of the Chief Executive**

### **PURPOSE OF REPORT**

To consider whether or not to appoint to four vacancies which have arisen on the board of The Dukes and one vacancy on the Lancaster Charity. Also to consider appointing a Director to Growth Lancashire Limited.

**This report is public**

### **RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING THE DUKES:**

- (1) That Council does not fill the vacancies at the present time, as any Member taking up a place on the Board of the Dukes would be ineligible to take part in further discussions and voting on progress with the Canal Corridor North project, due to a conflict of interests.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE LANCASTER CHARITY:**

- (2) That Council re-confirms that the basis of appointment to the board of the Lancaster Charity should be by nomination and voting at Council.
- (3) That nominations be made and voted upon at this meeting and an appointment made until the next City Council Elections.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING GROWTH LANCASHIRE:**

- (4) That Council recommends to Cabinet that the Cabinet Member for Planning and Economic Regeneration be appointed to the Growth Lancashire directorship, with the Leader of the Council as alternate director.

#### **1.0 Introduction**

- 1.1 Council makes four appointments to the board of The Dukes. Councillors Biddulph, Blamire, Cozler and Leyshon were re-confirmed as the Council's appointments in May 2017.
- 1.2 All four appointees recently resigned from the board to avoid any conflict of

interest when Council is required to consider Canal Corridor issues. This leaves four vacant places on the Dukes' board.

- 1.3 Council appoints Councillors to six places on the Board of Trustees of the Lancaster Charity. Councillor Thynne has recently resigned from one of those places because the meetings are held at times when he is unavailable. The other Councillors who remain in place are Councillors Brookes, Denwood, Pattison, Redfern and Sherlock.
- 1.4 Council was recently invited to appoint a director to Growth Lancashire Limited and, if possible, an alternate director. Growth Lancashire is a business support and economic development company owned by several Lancashire authorities and operating throughout the county and provides a range of accredited business support services across Lancashire, including Lancaster district. Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council is the accountable body. Growth Lancashire Limited has advised that it is usual for these appointments to be the Leader of the Council and/or the Cabinet Member with the Regeneration/Economic Development portfolio.

## **2.0 Proposal Details**

- 2.1 **The Dukes:** It has been noted above that the four appointees have resigned to avoid any conflict of interest when Council is required to consider Canal Corridor issues. Since the same conflict of interest would arise for any Councillor taking up an appointment to the vacant places on the Board, it is recommended that these places be left unfilled for the time being, until the position is clearer.
- 2.2 **Board of Trustees of the Lancaster Charity:** As with the Dukes, in May 2017 Council confirmed that the appointments would be filled by nomination and voting at full Council and that will remain the case unless a different proposition is put forward. Members are asked to make nominations and appoint at this meeting. It is important that all nominees are available to attend Board meetings on the second Tuesday of January, April, July and October at 10.30am-12noon approximately.
- 2.3 **Growth Lancashire:** Council is asked to agree to appoint a director and alternate director to Growth Lancashire Limited and to recommend to Cabinet that the director be the relevant Cabinet Member, Councillor Janice Hanson, and that the Leader be appointed alternate director.

## **3.0 Conclusion**

- 3.1 Council is asked to consider the recommendations in this report.

**CONCLUSION OF IMPACT ASSESSMENT**

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

None directly arising from this report.

**LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

None directly arising from this report.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

Members of outside bodies are entitled to travel expenses. Costs resulting from these appointments should be minimal and would be met from existing democratic representation budgets.

**OTHER RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS**

None

**SECTION 151 OFFICER'S COMMENTS**

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

**MONITORING OFFICER'S COMMENTS**

The Monitoring Officer has reviewed the report and has no further comments.

**BACKGROUND PAPERS**

Articles of Association of Growth Lancashire Limited

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