

**20 March 2013**

**Agenda Item: 6**

**REPORT OF THE CORPORATE DIRECTOR POLICY PLANNING AND  
CORPORATE SERVICES**

**APPOINTMENT TO OUTSIDE BODY**

**Purpose of the Report**

1. To consider nomination of a member to represent the County Council on the Board of the Lowland Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire Local Nature Partnership.

**Information and Advice**

2. Through the Natural Environment White Paper, the Government made a commitment to support the creation of Local Nature Partnerships which will work at a strategic scale, demonstrating local leadership, raising awareness about the vital services and benefits that a healthy natural environment brings, and contributing to the green economy. Government intends that these partnerships will work alongside Local Enterprise Partnerships and Health and Wellbeing Boards and actively engage with other sectors and organisations not traditionally associated with the conservation and enhancement of the natural environment. 48 Local Nature Partnerships have now been established across the country.
3. The Lowland Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire Local Nature Partnership (LDN LNP) was formally recognised by the Secretary of State for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs on 28<sup>th</sup> September 2012. It brings together a wide range of partners from organisations across the business, community, education, environment, health and land management sectors. Development work, funded by the Department for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, has been undertaken to set out the Vision and Objectives for the LDN LNP.
4. A Board consisting of senior representatives from each of the sectors has now been established under the chairmanship of Mr Tony Walker, Deputy Managing Director of Toyota UK. The Secretariat for the LNP is currently being provided by Nottinghamshire County Council's Conservation Team.
5. The Board has requested nomination of a Councillor to represent the County Council.
6. At the moment the Board meets every other month meetings are currently hosted by Toyota.

## **Other Options Considered**

7. The Council could decline to nominate a representative. Reason/s for Recommendation/s
8. To strengthen both partnership working and the strategic link between the County Council's duties for both the natural environment and health and wellbeing.

## **Statutory and Policy Implications**

9. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of finance, the public sector equality duty, human resources, crime and disorder, human rights, the safeguarding of children, sustainability and the environment and those using the service and where such implications are material they are described below. Appropriate consultation has been undertaken and advice sought on these issues as required.

## **RECOMMENDATION/S**

- 1) That consideration be given to the appointment of a Member to the Board of the Lowland Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire Local Nature Partnership to represent the County Council and its role in Health and Well-being.

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### **Constitutional Comments (SG 28/02/2013)**

10. The Committee is the appropriate body to decide the issues set out in this Report. The Committee under its Terms of Reference has responsibility for approving appointments to outside bodies and determining which committee should receive regular updates from those outside bodies.

### **Financial Comments (MB 06/03/2013)**

11. There are no specific financial implications arising from the report.

## **Background Papers and Published Documents**

Except for previously published documents, which will be available elsewhere, the documents listed here will be available for inspection in accordance with Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972.

**Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected**

All.