



Meeting: COUNTY COUNCIL

Date: 18 May 2006

agenda item number

REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE AND OTHER BODIES

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

To recommend appointments to a small number of outside bodies and to the School Governance Consultative Group.

2. BACKGROUND

Outside Bodies

Responsibility for the appointment of representatives to outside bodies is delegated to the Administration Committee. However, it remains open to the Council to exercise these powers of appointment directly. There are a small number of organisations where it would be helpful if the appointments were made at this meeting. This is because of the need to ensure that the authority is appropriately represented at meetings which are to take place shortly.

The appointments required are as follows:-

Organisation	No of Reps
Combined Fire Authority	12
Coalfield Communities Campaign	3
Local Government East Midlands (formerly EMRLGA)*	
General Meeting	4
East Midlands Regional Assembly	1 (plus 1 alternate)
Local Government Association (LGA)	4
LGA Urban Commission	1
LGA Rural Commission	1
County Councils Network	4
Schools Organisation Committee	5
Nottingham East Midlands Airport Consultative Committee	1 (plus 1 substitute)

In addition to the formal nominations to be made by full Council to its General Meeting, LGEM is also seeking 'expressions of interest' by 26th May 2006 from other members who may wish to be considered for appointment to –

LGEM Executive Committee
LGEM Employment Forum Steering Group
East Midlands Improvement Partnership
Regional Assembly added places (22 places available)
Regional Assembly Boards and associated groups.

It is suggested that it would be appropriate for any expressions of interest to be co-ordinated by the Head of Members' Services in consultation with the political groups' whips and, if any member is successfully nominated, their appointment be approved formally at the appropriate time by the Administration Committee. This will ensure that the requirements of the Code on appointments to outside bodies and the Members Allowances Scheme (both of which are in the Constitution) are observed.

Other Organisations

It would be helpful if the Council were to make appointments to the Schools Governance Consultative Group, which is an internal body consisting of members of the County Council. The Group is consulted by the portfolio holder prior to delegated decisions to appoint or remove individuals as School Governors. It is necessary for the Group to be re-established at this meeting of Council to enable school governors to be appointed and in place before the end of the Summer Term 2006. The membership of the Group is currently 3 from Labour Group, one from Conservative Group and a Liberal Democrat member.

RECOMMENDATION

1. (a) That the Council consider the appointment of representatives to the organisations listed above and determine either the appointment of individual councillors or the allocation of places to the political groups.
1. (b) That expressions of interest in appointment to subsidiary bodies of Local Government East Midlands and the Regional Assembly be handled as described in the report.
2. That Council re-appoint the Schools Governance Consultative Group and that its membership be three members from the Labour Group plus one member from each of the Conservative and Liberal Democrats Groups.
3. That the Head of Members' Services be authorised to act on behalf of the Chief Executive to appoint or nominate people to the external organisations and bodies referred to in 1 and 2 above, acting in accordance with nominations to be received from the Groups, it being

noted that this decision extends also to appointments arising from casual vacancies.

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Statutory and Policy Implications

The recommendations in this report comply with those parts of the Constitution referred to. Any member formally appointed to represent the Council on an outside organisation is able to claim travel and subsistence allowances in respect of attendance at its meetings, unless the organisation has its own allowances scheme, in which case the member must claim from the organisation. It is important that appointments to outside bodies receive formal approval within the Council's usual arrangements, so that appropriate support can be offered and training/information given where necessary.

Additionally, it should be noted that any decision to appoint to an organisation extends only to the particular appointment made. If the County Council's representative is asked by the organisation to represent it at some other body (including conferences, seminars and other visits), the member should ensure that appropriate approvals have been sought under the council's travel and accommodation policy, or that expenses are to be met by the organisation itself.

Legal Services Comments (PDH090506)

It is within the functions reserved to Full Council to appoint representatives to outside bodies.

Director of Resources' Financial Comments

The costs arising from these appointments will be met from existing budget provisions (PH 09/05/06)

Background Papers Available for Public Inspection

None