

meeting ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

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REPORT OF THE TEAM MANAGER, GOVERNANCE AND SCRUTINY

APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES - REVIEW

Purpose of Report

1. To agree the revised list of outside bodies appointments following an extensive review of the outside bodies list.

Background

2. The Council makes appointments to a number of outside bodies, on a local, regional and national basis. These bodies include charities, limited companies and partnership organisations. The term of appointment varies between the various bodies.
3. Administration Committee agreed on 13th July 2009 that a review of the existing list of Outside Bodies be undertaken, informed by relevant Members, to ensure that such representation was still required and / or appropriate.
4. An extensive review of all outside bodies appointments was undertaken which included the sending out of questionnaires to all organisations on the list and all Members appointed to outside bodies, investigations into the role of the Member on the organisations, the benefits to both organisation and Member in the appointment, and value for money in Members attending meetings of the outside body.
5. Following the extensive review, a meeting was held with representatives of the four Groups regarding the proposals.
6. The Standards Committee at it's meeting of 2 November 2010, following a discussion on Members' attendance at Council meetings, asked that Administration Committee give consideration to recording Members attendance at outside body meetings. Following an appointment to an outside body, the organisation is asked to contact the Member directly regarding meeting dates and therefore meeting information for these

organisations is not collated centrally by the County Council. In order to be able to collect information regarding Member attendance at outside bodies meetings, a considerable amount of time would need to be spent in setting up a system for recording meetings of outside bodies and then collecting that information from organisations. As the Council would be relying on information being provided by third parties, it would be difficult to ensure this information was accurate and complete, and the collection of such information would be costly and time consuming.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1) To approve the deletion of the outside bodies listed in Appendix A from the outside bodies list.
- 2) To approve the appointments to outside bodies as listed in Appendix B of the report.
- 3) To agree that no record of Members attendance at meetings of outside bodies be recorded centrally by Nottinghamshire County Council

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Legal Services' Comments (23/03/2011)

Administration Committee has delegated authority to approve appointments to outside bodies relating to functions of Council. It is the appropriate body to consider the content of this report.

Comments of the Service Director (Finance) (MB 23/03/11)

There are no specific financial implications arising from the report.

Background Papers Available for Inspection

None.

Electoral Divisions Affected

All.