

REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE CO-OPTION TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Purpose of the Report

1. To seek County Council approval for the co-option of two Nottinghamshire business leaders to the Economic Development Committee.

Information and Advice

2. At the June 2012 meeting of the Economic Development Committee, it was agreed that a business community co-option (non-voting) to this Committee be sought, setting out the means whereby it could be achieved.
3. Following this approval, contact was made with a wide range of businesses and business-led membership organisations across the County, seeking nominations. This took the form of a letter, confirming the nature of the role and the expectations of the co-option and as a consequence, two expressions of interest were received as follows:
 - a. Karl Sirrell, Regional Chair of the Federation of Small Businesses
 - b. Mark Chivers, Director of the Nottinghamshire Enterprise Zone (Alliance Boots)
4. At its subsequent meeting in September 2012, the Economic Development Committee agreed to offer both of the potential candidates a co-opted place on the Committee. This proposal requires the ratification of the County Council as it results in changed membership of the Economic Development Committee.

Other Options Considered

5. County Council could decide not to ratify the co-options as outlined above.

Reason/s for Recommendation/s

6. The report seeks Council's views on ratifying a co-opted business perspective to the Economic Development Committee's considerations. It is proposed that any appointments be subject of a review over the initial year and thereafter to an annual review and evaluation of the position generally.

Statutory and Policy Implications

7. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of finance, equal opportunities, 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. The co-options will be subject to the County Council's Code of Conduct as referenced in the Constitution.

Financial Implications

There are no specific financial implications arising as a consequence of this report. To confirm; the co-options do not attract any allowances.

Equalities Implications

The process adopted for securing the co-option afforded a transparent means of securing participation. It is understood that neither of the potential appointees have any particular needs to facilitate their participation, but this will be the subject of review.

RECOMMENDATION/S

That County Council ratify the recommendation of the Economic Development Committee to offer co-opted (non-voting) places on the Committee to two Nottinghamshire business leaders.

Report of the Chairman of the Economic Development Committee

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Constitutional Comments (NAB 11.09.12)

8. Council has authority to approve the recommendation set out in this report.

Financial Comments (DJK 12.09.12)

9. The contents of this report are duly noted; the financial implications are contained therein.

Background Papers

Business Community Co-option reports to Economic Development Committee, 26th June and 4th Sept 2012.

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

All