

REPORT OF THE CABINET MEMBER - BUSINESS MANAGEMENT

OUTSIDE BODIES REGISTER UPDATE

Purpose of the Report

1. To agree changes to the list of organisations included in the Outside Bodies Register, make relevant appointments and note the updated Register.

Information

2. In the Council's revised Constitution agreed as part of the move to the new Executive arrangements in May 2022, any changes to the list of organisations in the Outside Bodies Register are delegated to Cabinet, with the Cabinet Member – Business Management having authority to make appointments to those organisations.
3. The findings of a review which were agreed by Policy Committee in May 2019 divided the Register into the following categories of outside bodies:
 - a. Category A – organisations which have been established or are owned /partly owned by the Council
 - b. Category B – local or national organisations that are linked to the strategic focus of the Council
 - c. Category C – local community groups, charities and partnerships whose primary focus is on local community issues.
4. This categorisation of organisations will be continued for administrative purposes although the Team Manager – Democratic Services will no longer have delegated authority to add Category B bodies to the Register.

Inclusion of Outside Bodies in the Register

East of England and East Midlands Regional Youth Work Unit

5. The Council has been named as a Trustee to this organisation which has recently been registered as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation. The aims of the Unit are to promote charitable purposes for the benefit of young people in the East of England and the East Midlands regions as defined by Government, in particular but not exclusively:

- a) to advance the education, wellbeing and opportunities for young people and others who work with young people through the provision of training events, conferences and other events;
 - b) to promote and share best practice in the field of youth work including the co-ordination of work on quality standards;
 - c) to work with other agencies including regional and national bodies to improve services and image of young people.
6. It is recommended that this organisation be added to the Register as a Category B body. The Cabinet Member – Business Management has agreed that the Council will be represented by an officer (Group Manager - Young People's Service) on this body. In agreeing to add this body to the Register, Cabinet approval is also sought for that initial appointment.

NHS Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Integrated Care Board

7. A significant change to the local NHS landscape is underway as a result of the Health and Care Act 2022. Clinical commissioning groups, which have been the primary budget holders for NHS services since 2013, have been abolished. In their place, Integrated Care Boards will perform this role from the 1st July 2022 as Integrated Care Systems are put on a statutory footing. This means the establishment of a new Integrated Care Board (ICB) for Nottingham and Nottinghamshire. This change will bring health and care organisations together in new ways, with a greater emphasis on collaboration and aligning the work of system partners to achieve a shared purpose to improve health outcomes and tackle inequalities, enhance productivity, make best use of resources and support social and economic development.
8. As part of this transformation, the ICB is required to appoint partner members to its Board. These partner members will be critical to the ICB, bringing their knowledge and a perspective from their sectors to the work of the Board, and playing a key role in establishing new ways of working across the system to meet the needs of citizens.
9. Following consultation with the Cabinet Member – Business Management, the Council made a nomination for the position of Local Authority partner member that aims to bring a perspective of the social care needs and health and wellbeing characteristics of people and communities living in market towns and rural areas.
10. The nomination of the Corporate Director of Adult Social Care and Health to this role has now been agreed through the relevant Integrated Care System processes, subject to Cabinet agreeing that the ICB be added to the Register as a Category B body.
11. The Integrated Care Partnership joint committee which flows from the establishment of the ICB is the subject of a report to Full Council on 7 July 2022. Subject to approval of that report by Council, it is anticipated that further nominations to the 5 Council places on the Integrated Care Partnership will take place in the usual way through the Cabinet Member – Business Management.

The Nottinghamshire Combatting Substance Misuse Partnership

12. The County Council Nottinghamshire Combating Substance Misuse Partnership (the Partnership) is responsible for providing a multiagency approach to reducing harm from substance misuse and supporting Nottinghamshire County Council in meeting its duty in implementing the Government 10 Year Strategy: From Harm to Hope. The Partnership has the accountability for delivering the outcomes in the National Combating Drugs Outcomes Framework. The membership and responsibilities of the Partnership are informed by the local guidance.
13. Government guidance lays out a range of agencies to be involved in these Partnerships and has communicated with them about the requirement to form a Partnership and the timescales for this work. The guidance requires that the Partnerships are established by 1 August 2022, across a geographical footprint which is logical to local residents and consistent with existing relevant arrangements. It also requires the selection of a Senior Responsible Officer (SRO) who can represent the partnership nationally and report to central government regarding performance, improvement and unblocking issues where necessary.
14. Given the need to move at pace since receipt of the guidance in mid-June, it is proposed that Cabinet agrees the Council's membership of the developing partnership with an initial geographical footprint of Nottinghamshire being a footprint likely to be most logical for County residents. However, it is also proposed that in developing the new Terms of Reference for the Partnership the need for close collaboration with any neighbouring partnerships on matters of joint interest is built in to ensure effective operational outcomes where issues cross administrative boundaries.
15. Cabinet is also asked to approve the nomination of the Director of Public Health as an interim SRO for the Partnership, pending further dialogue and agreement across the member agencies regarding a permanent nominee for that role.
16. The Terms of Reference for the new Partnership are yet to be determined and the timetable for their submission to government is the end of September 2022. It is proposed that the Director of Public Health be authorised to agree those Terms of Reference in liaison with the Chairman of the Health and Wellbeing Board following their development amongst the participating partner agencies.

Removal of Outside Bodies from the Register

17. It is recommended that the following organisation be removed from the Register:
 - a. Holme Pierrepont Leisure Trust – as a result of new arrangements, this Trust has now been formally wound up and therefore needs to be removed from the Register.
18. The updated Register, with those bodies proposed for inclusion and removal highlighted, is attached at Appendix A for information.

Information on the work of outside bodies

19. Under the revised Constitution, representatives appointed to outside bodies must report back to the relevant decision making individual or committee as required.

Other Options Considered

20. The actual appointments to the three bodies recommended for inclusion could be approved by the Cabinet Member – Business Management under his delegated authority but for efficiency of decision-making it is proposed that these be confirmed as part of this report. Any subsequent changes in these appointments will be made by the Cabinet Member-Business Management.

Reasons for Recommendations

21. To update the Register of Outside Bodies as appropriate.

Statutory and Policy Implications

22. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of crime and disorder, data protection and information governance, finance, human resources, human rights, the NHS Constitution (public health services), the public sector equality duty, safeguarding of children and adults at risk, service users, smarter working, sustainability and the environment and where such implications are material they are described below. Appropriate consultation has been undertaken and advice sought on these issues as required.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1) That the inclusion of the East of England and East Midlands Regional Youth Work Unit in the Outside Bodies Register as a category B body be approved, with the Group Manager - Young People's Service appointed as the Council's representative.
- 2) That the inclusion of the NHS Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Integrated Care Board in the Outside Bodies Register as a Category B body be approved, with the Corporate Director – Adult Social Care and Health appointed as the Council's representative.
- 3) That the inclusion of the local Combatting Drugs Partnership "Nottinghamshire Combatting Substance Misuse Partnership" in the Outside Bodies Register as a Category B body be approved together with authority for the Director of Public Health to be nominated as the proposed interim SRO for the Partnership.
- 4) That the Director of Public Health be authorised to agree the initial Terms of Reference for the local Combatting Drugs Partnership following liaison with other relevant agencies and in consultation with the Chairman of Health and Wellbeing Board, prior to submission to the government by 31 September 2022.
- 5) That Holme Pierrepont Leisure Trust be removed from the Outside Bodies Register.
- 6) That the updated Register as detailed in Appendix A be noted.

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Constitutional Comments (LW 24/06/2022)

23. Cabinet is the appropriate body to consider the content of the report.

Financial Comments (RWK 06/06/2022)

24. There are no specific financial implications arising directly from the report.

Background Papers

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.

- Letter from Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Integrated Care Systems to the Council's Leader and Chief Executive, dated 11 May 2022.

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

All