



Meeting **ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE**

Date **13 July 2009**

agenda item number **7**

REPORT OF THE SERVICE MANAGER, GOVERNANCE AND SCRUTINY

APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES

Purpose of the Report

1. To consider instigating a review of the outside bodies on which the Council is currently represented.

Information and Advice

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. As in previous years, nominations have been received from the majority group initially and it is intended that any remaining places be offered to the minority groups as appropriate. It is proposed that these appointments be agreed following discussions between the Conservative Group Business Manager, the Labour and Liberal Democrat Group Whips and the Leader of the Independent Group, to enable the finalised list of appointments to be reported to a future meeting of the Administration Committee.
4. Following the election in June 2009, it is proposed that a review of the currently extensive range of bodies on which the Council is represented be undertaken, informed by the views of relevant Members, to ensure that such representation is still required and/or appropriate. Such a review may require consultation with the bodies affected and organisations such as the Charities Commission as appropriate. The outcomes of the review will be reported to a future meeting of the Committee for decision.

Statutory and Policy Implications

5. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of finance, equal opportunities, personnel, crime and disorder and those using the service and where such implications are material they have been described in the text of the report.

RECOMMENDATIONS

6.
 - i) That discussions be held between the Conservative Group Business Manager, the Labour and Liberal Democrat Group Whips and the Leader of the Independent Group, to agree appointments to outside bodies, and the finalised list of appointments be reported to a future meeting of this Committee.
 - ii) That a review of the existing list of outside bodies on which the Council is represented be undertaken, informed by relevant Members, to ensure that such representation is still required and/or appropriate, and the review outcomes be reported to a future meeting of this Committee for decision.

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Director of Resources' Financial Comments (MB 02/07/09)

There are no specific financial implications arising from the report.

Legal Services Comments (GR 02/07/09)

The Administration Committee has the delegated authority to consider establishing a process for approving the matters contained within this report and which fall within the remit of the Committee.

Background Papers Available for Inspection

List of Outside Bodies requiring nominations.

Electoral Divisions Affected

All.