
RECEIVING NOMINATIONS FOR COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES

To: **Constitutional Review Working Party – 25 August 2010**

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Summary: **To consider whether nomination of members to a number of outside bodies closely aligned to key Cabinet functions and responsibilities should be reserved to the Cabinet.**

For Decision

1.0 Background

- 1.1 At present the Constitution reserves to full Council the right to appoint members to outside bodies even if the objectives or activities of the body are closely aligned to key cabinet functions and responsibilities or support the delivery of services which are the responsibility of the Cabinet. In practice, each municipal year in the run up to the annual meeting of Council, officers liaise with the Group Leaders to ascertain the identity of the members to be nominated for appointment by Council to an outside body.
- 1.2 It was agreed at the Annual meeting of Council on 13 May 2010 that: “authority be delegated to the Group Leaders to agree representatives to serve on Outside Bodies and that a revised schedule be submitted to Council for approval at its meeting on 15 July 2010.”
- 1.3 A meeting of the Group Leaders took place on 24 June 2010. That meeting considered the terms of reference and other information that had been obtained from the various bodies.

2.0 Proposed Amendments

The Council meeting on 15 July considering the following points:

- 2.1 The Outside Bodies list has been split in to two tables: those Outside Bodies that the Head of Legal and Democratic Services felt should have a Cabinet Member appointed to them and those that were open to any Councillor.
- 2.2 The Head of Legal and Democratic Services has suggested that in future the Cabinet should decide upon nominations to those Outside bodies that should have a Cabinet Member appointed to them. The report proposed any recommendations made by Council were to be presented to a future meeting of the Constitutional Review Working Party and onto the Standards Committee.
- 2.3 Nominations to Outside Bodies were made by the Leader to members.

2.4 Future appointments to Outside Bodies were agreed at Council on 15 July 2010. Minute 195 following council meeting refers:

Minute 195. REPRESENTATION ON OUTSIDE BODIES

It was proposed by the Chairman, seconded by the Leader:

1. that the list of appointments to Outside Bodies for the Municipal Year 2: 2010/11 be adopted, as set out in Annex 1 of the report;
2. That Council agrees the nominations of Councillors to serve on those bodies, as set out in the Members' notes and copied below;
3. That a report be presented to the Constitutional Review Working Party to consider whether in future Cabinet should agree nominations to the Cabinet-related outside bodies;
4. That by Annual Council in May 2011 a thorough review of Outside Bodies should be undertaken, as outlined in Section 4 of the Leader's report."

2.2 Set out in Annex 1 are two tables setting out the nominations for Executive and Non Executive appointments: Table 1: Executive Nominations to Outside Bodies and Table 2: Non Executive Nominations to Outside Bodies

3.0 Future Review of Representative on Outside Bodies

3.1 The three Group Leaders have agreed that a fuller review of representation on outside bodies should be undertaken by the end of the Municipal Year with a view to any new arrangements that are agreed being implemented for the 2011/12 Municipal Year.

3.2 Such a review could, amongst, other things:

3.2.2 Continue the work identifying the terms of reference of the various bodies

3.2.2 Define the role of elected Members serving on outside bodies

3.2.3 Survey Members serving on outside bodies and those bodies themselves to assess the effectiveness of the arrangements throughout 2010/11

3.2.4 Consider the desirability of the Leader making nominations to serve on outside bodies following an invitation to all Members to express interest in performing such roles

3.2.5 Identify clearly the liabilities (including reporting back on activities undertaken) and indemnities applying to Members performing such roles

3.1 Financial

3.1.1 There are none

3.2 Legal

3.21 As set out in the report

3.3 Corporate

3.3.1

3.4 Equity and Equalities

3.4.1 None Specific

4.0 Recommendation(s)

4.1 The Constitutional Review Working Party are recommended to adopt the revised arrangements for nominations to outside bodies.

5.0 Decision Making Process

5.1.1 The recommendations of the Constitution Review Committee are considered by the Standards Committee who make final recommendations to Council. Council will determine the date by which any constitutional reform is to take effect, e.g. immediately, from the beginning of the next financial year or from the date of the Annual Meeting

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Annex List

Annex 1 Executive and Non-Executive Nominations for 2011
Annex 2

Background Papers

Title	Details of where to access copy
<i>No background papers</i>	