

Report of:	Managing Director
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Key Decision:	No
Report Track:	Council: 16/11/16

COUNCIL
16 NOVEMBER 2016
REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES 2016-17

1 Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To consider amendments to the appointment of representatives to the Poplars Landfill Site Liaison Committee for 2016-17 as agreed by Annual Council in May 2016.

2 Recommendations

- 2.1 That the required changes to the Council's appointments on the Poplars Landfill Site Liaison Committee, as referred to in paragraph 5.6 of the report, be agreed.

3 Key Issues and Reasons for Recommendation

- 3.1 Each year the Council is required to appoint representatives to a number of outside bodies. A schedule of those bodies to which the Council appoints representatives together with nominations is usually circulated at the Annual Council Meeting.
- 3.2 Since the Annual Council Meeting it has been established that changes are required to the Council's appointments to the Poplars Landfill Site Liaison Committee in order to ensure the appointees reflect the Council's agreed distribution of seats on that outside body.
- 3.3 Under normal circumstances, the Managing Director has delegated authority, in consultation with the Political Group Leaders, to make additional appointments to any outside bodies, as necessary, throughout the municipal year. However, determination of appointments to outside bodies is a matter for Council (at the Annual Council Meeting) in the first instance.

4 Relationship to Corporate Priorities

- 4.1 The Council, through its democratic process, contributes to the Council's Corporate Priorities and promotes community engagement through the appointment of representatives to outside bodies.

5 Report Detail

- 5.1 Each year the Council is required to appoint representatives to a number of outside bodies. A schedule of those bodies to which the Council appoints representatives together with nominations is usually circulated at the Annual Council Meeting and the nominations are voted on.
- 5.2 Since the Annual Council Meeting it has been established that changes are required to the Council's appointments to the Poplars Landfill Site Liaison Committee in order to ensure the appointees reflect the Council's agreed distribution of seats on that outside body.
- 5.3 The Council's current appointees are:
- Councillor Miss M.A. Freeman (Cannock South ward).
 - Councillor J.T. Kraujalis (Cannock South ward).
 - Councillor M.S. Buttery (Hawks Green ward).
 - Councillor D.J. Snape (Hawks Green ward).
 - Councillor M. Sutherland (Hawks Green ward).
 - Councillor Mrs. P.Z. Stretton (Norton Canes ward).
 - Councillor A. Pearson (Environment Scrutiny Committee Chairman).
 - Councillor J.P.T.L. Preece (Environment Portfolio Leader – appointed by Cabinet).
- 5.4 Under the Council's agreed distribution of seats on this outside body, 2 members each should be appointed from the Cannock South, Hawks Green and Norton Canes wards. It has come to light however that there are currently too many Members appointed from Hawks Green ward and insufficient Members appointed from Norton Canes ward.
- 5.5 Following discussions between the Leaders of the Conservative and UKIP Groups, it has been advised that Councillor Buttery wishes to withdraw his representation on the outside body due to work and other business commitments, which would have the effect of reducing the number of Hawks Green appointees down to 2 members as required. Accordingly, the Leader of the Conservative Group has requested that Councillor M.W.A. Hoare be appointed as the other Norton Canes representative alongside Councillor Mrs. Stretton, which would balance out the seat distribution between wards. Although also a Norton Canes member, Councillor Preece cannot be considered as the

other appointee by virtue of already being appointed as the Environment Portfolio Leader.

5.5 Councillor Pearson also needs removing from this outside body due to no longer being the Chairman of the Environment Scrutiny Committee. His place would be taken by the current Chairman of that Committee, Councillor Miss J. Cooper.

5.6 Taking all the above into account, the revised appointments for the remainder of the 2016-17 municipal year would be:

- Councillor Miss M.A. Freeman (Cannock South ward).
- Councillor J.T. Kraujalis (Cannock South ward).
- Councillor D.J. Snape (Hawks Green ward).
- Councillor M. Sutherland (Hawks Green ward).
- Councillor M.W.A. Hoare (Norton Canes ward).
- Councillor Mrs. P.Z. Stretton (Norton Canes ward).
- Councillor Miss J. Cooper (Environment Scrutiny Committee Chairman).
- Councillor J.P.T.L. Preece (Environment Portfolio Leader – appointed by Cabinet).

The Leaders of the Labour, Conservative and UKIP Groups have each given their prior consent to these changes being made.

5.7 The Managing Director has delegated authority, in consultation with / on receiving nominations from the Political Group Leaders, to make additional appointments to any outside bodies, as necessary, throughout the municipal year, however this is a matter that would otherwise be determined by full Council at the Annual Council Meeting.

6 Implications

6.1 Financial

There are no direct financial implications arising from this report. Any costs which arise from appointments determined as an approved duty, and thereby subject to travel and subsistence claims, will have to be met from existing Members' budgets.

6.2 Legal

Unless otherwise specified by statute, Section 101 of the Local Government Act 1972 empowers the Council to arrange for the discharge of any of its functions by an officer of the Council.

The Local Government Act 1972, Section 101(1) provides that:

subject to any express provision contained in this act or any act passed after this Act, a local authority may arrange for the discharge of any of their functions –

(a) by a committee, a sub-committee or an officer of the authority...”

Council can therefore delegate the appointment of representatives on outside bodies to the Managing Director.

Should the appointment relate to executive functions, then the power to delegate the making of such appointments to the Managing Director rests with Cabinet in accordance with Section 14 of the Local Government Act, 2000.

6.3 Human Resources

None.

6.4 Section 17 (Crime Prevention)

None.

6.5 Human Rights Act

None.

6.6 Data Protection

None.

6.7 Risk Management

None.

6.8 Equality & Diversity

None.

7 Appendices to the Report

7.1 None.

Previous Consideration

Representatives on Outside Bodies 2016-17	Annual Council Meeting	25 May, 2016
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Background Papers

None