

Meeting of the Cabinet – 3rd July, 2014

Appointment of Council Representatives to Outside Organisations

Report of the Director of Corporate Resources

Purpose of Report

1. To consider the appointment of Council representatives to outside organisations for the 2014/15 municipal year.

Background

2. In accordance with the scheme of delegation contained in the Council's Constitution, the Cabinet is requested to determine the appointment of representatives to serve on outside organisations.
3. The Council nominates Members or representatives to serve on a considerable number of outside bodies, but some of these may not still be active. An exercise is currently being undertaken, therefore, to confirm to which particular bodies appointments or nominations remain necessary to be made and it is proposed that, when this is ascertained, the Director of Corporate Resources, in consultation with the Leader and Opposition Group Leaders, where appropriate, be authorised to make the appointments or nominations. There may be bodies to which immediate appointments need to be made and it is proposed, therefore, that for these the Director of Corporate resources, in consultation with the Leader or Opposition Group Leader(s), as appropriate, be authorised to act.
4. The Council has been asked to nominate a Member to serve on the West Midlands Strategic Migration Partnership Board. The governance arrangements for the Board are currently being developed but will consist of a Member-led Partnership Board and an officer-led Steering Group. The Board is being administered by Wolverhampton City Council and the Leader of City Council has asked Dudley to nominate a Member to serve.
5. Strategic Migration Partnerships are local authority-led partnerships which provide structures and forums of engagement for effectively dealing with migration at a local, regional and national level. The West Midlands Partnership provides strategic leadership for dealing with migration issues. The West Midlands Board will meet twice a year and will be the key regional forum to consider key migration issues, including regional strategic co-ordination, leadership and oversight of Asylum Dispersal, Refugee Integration and Migrant Support.

Finance

6. Budget provision is made within the overall Council budget to cover the costs of appointing Council representatives to outside organisations.

Law

7. The statutory provisions relating to the above matter are contained in Section 111 of the Local Government Act, 1972, Sections 15-18 of the Local Government and Housing Act, 1989 and the relevant provisions of the Local Government Act, 2000.

Equality Impact

8. The proposals in this report accord with the policy of the Council in relation to equality and diversity. A number of the outside organisations involve/deal with children and young people and so decisions made will have a direct impact on them.

Recommendations

9. That the Director of Corporate Resources, in consultation with the Leader of the Council and the Opposition Group Leaders, as appropriate, be given delegated authority to determine the appointment of representatives to serve on the outside organisations.
10. That the Director of Corporate Resources, in consultation with the Leader, be authorised to make an appointment of a Member to serve on the Board of the West Midlands Strategic Migration Partnership.



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DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE RESOURCES

Background Papers

Schedule of appointments to Outside Bodies.

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