

REPORT TO FULL COUNCIL



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Appointments to Outside Bodies, Committees and Working Groups for 2008/2009 and Appointment of Chair to a Committee**PURPOSE**

1. To consider appointments relating to Committees and Working Groups for the Municipal Year 2008/2009.
2. To consider nominations for the Chair of a Committee.
3. To consider an amendment to the appointment made to an outside body for the Municipal Year 2008/2009.

RECOMMENDATION

4. (1) That the Council be recommended to change the appointment to Lancashire Locals to allow the inclusion of an Executive Member, and therefore replace Councillor Karen Heseltine with Councillor Roger Frost;
- (2) That the Council be recommended to consider nominations, from the Liberal Democrat Group in order to maintain political balance, to replace Councillor Maureen McCaffrey on the Environment and Housing Scrutiny Committee;
- (3) That the Council be recommended to consider Councillors Julie Cooper, Len Starr, and any further nominations, to replace Councillor Maureen McCaffrey as Chair of Environment and Housing Scrutiny Committee; and
- (4) That the Council be recommended to consider changing the current qualified appointment to the Lancashire County Council Adult Social Care and Health Scrutiny Committee from the Chair of Leadership and Community Scrutiny Committee.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

5. To update the Councils representation on its Committees and outside bodies.

SUMMARY OF KEY POINTS

6. Lancashire Locals-Inclusion of an Executive Member

The constitution of Lancashire Locals requires an Executive Member to be appointed, and therefore to maintain political balance a Liberal Democrat Member needs to be replaced.

It is proposed that Councillor Karen Heseltine, who was appointed at Full Council on 15th May 2008, be replaced by Councillor Roger Frost.

7. Environment and Housing Scrutiny Committee Member

Councillor Maureen McCaffrey was appointed as a Member of Environment and Housing Scrutiny Committee on 15th May 2008 by Full Council. However Councillor Maureen McCaffrey wishes to stand down from the Committee.

It is proposed that Full Council considers nominations from the Liberal Democrat Group, in order to maintain political balance, to replace Councillor Maureen McCaffrey on the Environment and Housing Scrutiny Committee.

8. Chair of Environment and Housing Scrutiny Committee

Councillor Maureen McCaffrey was appointed as Chair of Environment and Housing Scrutiny Committee on 15th May 2008 by Full Council. Due to her standing down from the Committee, nominations are required to replace her as Chair. Nominations have been received to date for Councillor Julie Cooper and Councillor Len Starr.

It is therefore proposed that Full Council considers Councillors Julie Cooper, Len Starr, and any further nominations, to replace Councillor Maureen McCaffrey as Chair of the Committee.

9. Appointment to Lancashire County Council Adult Social Care and Health Scrutiny Committee – Currently Chair of Leadership and Community Scrutiny Committee

Health issues are contained within the People Strategic Objective, and therefore the qualification for the appointment to Lancashire County Council Adult Social Care and Health Scrutiny Committee rests with the Chair of Leadership and Community Scrutiny Committee, since the Committee's remit is based on the People Strategic Objective.

The Director of Community Services is the Council's Officer dealing with health

issues and attends Leadership and Community Scrutiny Committee, and the Leader has health within his Executive portfolio.

However, operationally from midway through 2007/8 the Environment and Housing Scrutiny Committee agreed to scrutinise health matters following a referral from Leadership and Community Scrutiny Committee to the Scrutiny Committees Coordinating Panel, although as this was a short term arrangement the qualification wasn't amended.

It is currently unclear which arrangements will be applied to health scrutiny for 2008/9, however the Leadership and Community Scrutiny Committee has again referred the scrutiny of health matters to the Scrutiny Committees Coordinating Panel for 2008/9.

The Chair of Leadership and Community during 2007/08 and to date has been unable to attend the LCC Adult Social Care and Health Scrutiny Committee.

Member Structures Support Working Group considered the issue on 26th June 2008 and highlighted the importance of any appointee attending such meetings. This issue will be discussed further at Scrutiny Committees Coordinating Panel on 3rd July 2008, after which consultation will take place with Group Leaders regarding any change to the current qualification.

To ensure that the most appropriate representative is appointed to the LCC Adult Social Care and Health Scrutiny Committee in 2008/9, it is therefore proposed to consider changing the current qualified appointment from the Chair of Leadership and Community Scrutiny Committee.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS AND BUDGET PROVISION

10. None arising from this report.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

11. None arising from this report.

DETAILS OF CONSULTATION

12. Member Structures Officer and Support Group
Member Structures and Support Working Group
Scrutiny Committees Coordinating Panel

BACKGROUND PAPERS

13. None.

FURTHER INFORMATION

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