

REPORT TO FULL COUNCIL



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Appointments to Outside Bodies 2008/2009

PURPOSE

1. To consider the appointments to be made to outside bodies for the Municipal Year 2008/2009

RECOMMENDATION

2. (1) That Groundwork Pennine Lancashire be continued on the Outside Bodies list, subject to a review as part of the budget preparations for 2009/10;
- (2) That the Lancashire Partnership Executive and East Lancashire Together be removed from the OB list, and the Parking and Traffic Regulations Outside London Adjudication (PATROL) Joint Committee, formerly the National Parking Adjudication Service Joint Committee, be transferred from the Outside Bodies list and treated as a statutory Joint Committee;
- (3) That the Executive Member for E Government be the only qualified appointment to the Shared Contact Centre;
- (4) That the Director of Regeneration and Housing be the qualified Officer appointment to Lancashire Technology Centre –Directors, in place of the Head of Regeneration and Economic Development;
- (5) That Stocks Massey Bequest – Representative Trustees be added to the Outside Bodies list, having met the criteria for inclusion, with the relevant Executive Member and 1 Member to be appointed; and
- (6) That appointments be made to each of the outside bodies in accordance with the Appendices to the report.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

3. To maintain the Council’s representation on outside organisations with a link to the Borough and to ensure the smooth running of the Councils Committee structure

SUMMARY OF KEY POINTS

4. Following a fundamental review into the Council's appointments to Outside bodies a criteria for appointment was approved in April 2007 by Full Council.
5. In addition the Full Council also decided that each group of Members appointed to an outside body would be required to complete an annual pro-forma return outlining the work of the outside organisation, how it fulfils its role in upholding the criteria for which appointments were made to it and their level of attendance at meetings of the organisation in the preceding 12 month period. Such reports would be public documents and would inform a review of outside body representation in April of each year, although the first review would take place in 2009.
Proformas have been circulated to appointed Members for 2007/8 in April 2008 to request completion in order to ensure information will be complete for the 2009 review.
6. The Outside Bodies list attached as Appendix 1 to the report consolidates both Qualification and Non Qualification appointments.
7. Groundwork Pennine Lancashire
In July 2007, Full Council approved the addition of Groundwork Pennine Lancashire (GPL) Trust Board to the Outside Bodies list as it met the criteria, subject to a review within 12 months.
Consultation has been carried out with the Director of Environment, whose view is that it is still early days in terms of how GPL will benefit Burnley. He indicates that GPL definitely want to become more visible in the Borough and the he has met with colleagues here and at GPL to explore ways of doing this.
The Director of Environment would recommend that it is kept it on the Outside Bodies list and the position is reviewed as part of the budget preparations for 2009/10.
The views of the Executive Member for Environment, being the Council's representative, have also been sought.
8. Parking and Traffic Regulations Outside London (PATROL) Adjudication Joint Committee (formerly National Parking Adjudication Service Joint Committee)
The PATROL Adjudication Joint Committee (formerly the National Parking Adjudication Service Joint Committee) has been re-constituted to ensure that it complies with the Highways Act 2004 and the Council needs to agree to a new memorandum of participation. The new memorandum is being sent to Councils on 6th May 2008.
Formal nomination of Members by the Council is required by the statutory authority set out in Section 101 of the Local Government Act 1972 which relates to Joint Committees.

It is therefore proposed that PATROL be transferred from the Outside Bodies list, as it is now appropriate to be dealt with as a Joint Committee and is the subject of a separate report, being item 5 e on the agenda for 15th May 2008 Appointments Council.
9. Lancashire Partnership Executive
The Lancashire Partnership Executive has reviewed its representation and Burnley's representative is now appointed by Burnley Action Partnership.

It is therefore proposed that Lancashire Partnership Executive be removed from the

Outside Bodies list.

10. East Lancashire Together

East Lancashire Together was dissolved in June 2007 after its funding ceased.

It is therefore proposed that East Lancashire Together be removed from the Outside Bodies list.

11. Shared Contact Centre Joint Committee

The constitution of the Shared Contact Centre Joint Committee has changed so that only 1 representative is now required.

Previously the Executive Member for E Government, 1 other Executive Member and the Chair of Better Services Scrutiny Committee were the qualified appointees.

It is therefore proposed that only the Executive Member for E Government be appointed by qualification.

12. Lancashire Technology Centre-Directors

Currently the Head of Regeneration and Economic Development (RED) is one of the appointees by qualification to the Lancashire Technology Centre.

It is proposed that for 2008/9, in place of the Head of RED, the Director of Regeneration and Housing be appointed

13. Stocks Massey Bequest-Representative Trustees

Since the review of Outside Bodies in April 2007, the Stocks Massey Bequest has not been part of the Outside Bodies List.

However it has become apparent that the level of grant secured for Burnley since April 07 has been adversely affected by the lack of representation, and the following criteria for inclusion on the Outside Bodies list now appears to be applicable;

- That the balances of risk having been considered there would be a detrimental effect on the Council were it not represented.

Previously any 2 Members were appointed for upto four years.

However it is recommended that for 2008/09 the relevant Executive Member be appointed by qualification and that 1 other Member also be appointed, for upto four years.

It is therefore proposed to add the Stocks Massey Bequest – Representative Trustees to the Outside Bodies list.

14. Town Centre Partnership

The Town Centre Partnership has not been active in 2007/08 but is being restarted in 2008/09 by the Council's Head of Markets.

15. A list of nominations for appointments to outside bodies will be circulated at the meeting, as Appendix 2.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS AND BUDGET PROVISION
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16. None arising from this report.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

17. None arising from this report.

DETAILS OF CONSULTATION

18. Group Leaders
Tom Forshaw, Head of Chief Executive's Office
Ruth Wynn, Democracy Manager
Chief Executive and Directors

BACKGROUND PAPERS

19. None.

FURTHER INFORMATION

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