

COUNCIL
21 NOVEMBER 2019

Report of the Head of Corporate Services

AMENDMENT TO OUTSIDE BODIES 2019/20:

PURPOSE OF REPORT

To consider an amendment to the Outside Bodies list for 2019/20 to make appropriate provision for the attendance of Substitute Members at the Sheffield City Region (SCR) Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) and attendance of Members on the Thematic boards.

RECOMMENDATION

That an appointment is made for Councillor Chris Furness to act as Substitute Member for the Sheffield City Region Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) and as Member on the five Thematic Boards, to serve until the next Annual Meeting of the Council.

WARDS AFFECTED

Not applicable

STRATEGIC LINK

Successful and meaningful relationships with external agencies underpin all of the Council's Corporate Aims and Priorities.

1 REPORT

- 1.1 At the Annual Council meeting on 30 May 2019 the schedule of Outside Bodies representation for 2019/20 was agreed.
- 1.2 The District Council will be leaving the SCR Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) at the end of March 2020, but will remain a non-constituent member of the SCR Mayoral Combined Authority (CA).
- 1.3 At its meeting on 11 June 2018 the Combined Authority resolved to adopt a new Mayoral Combined Authority (CA) Constitution which makes appropriate provision for the attendance of substitute Members at the SCR LEP should the nominated Member not be able to attend. This is seen as a means of helping to meet the statutorily prescribed two thirds quoracy level which has proven difficult in the past.
- 1.4 The protocol drawn up by the Committees (and endorsed by the CA) determines that up to three substitute members may be named for each substantive member. Substitute Members must be representative of the same political party as the member they are standing in for.
- 1.5 Council is therefore asked to consider nominating Councillor Chris Furness to act as substitute member from the Conservative Group in addition to Councillor Sue Hobson.

- 1.6 Following consultation with partners and a review of the models in other mayoral combined authorities, at its meeting on 17th December 2018 the SCR proposed to develop and strengthen governance within the organisation with the creation of five Thematic Boards. Under the CA and LEP governance arrangements the District Council is permitted to nominate a Member to sit on the Thematic Board.
- 1.7 The primary aim of the Board is to have a crosscutting effect on all elements of the SCR CA and LEP decision making process, with each Board focusing on one of the CA/LEP priorities and will have delegated authority from the CA/LEP to take decisions within existing policy and budgets.
- 1.8 Council is therefore also asked to consider nominating Councillor Chris Furness to act as Member from the Conservative Group on the five Thematic Boards.

2 RISK ASSESSMENT

2.1 Legal

Whilst representing the District Council on outside bodies, Councillors are acting as if they were a member of that outside body and in some cases are covered by insurance from. In all other cases there is an element of risk, which is considered to be low.

2.2 Financial

Attendance at meetings is classified as an Approved Duty and the cost of travel can be contained in the current budget allocation. The financial risk is assessed as low.

3 OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

In preparing this report, the relevance of the following factors has also been considered: prevention of crime and disorder, equalities, environmental, climate change, health, human rights, personnel and property.

4 CONTACT INFORMATION

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5 BACKGROUND PAPERS

Outside Bodies file held in Chief Executive's Department.

6 ATTACHMENTS

None