

AGENDA MANAGEMENT SHEET

Name of Decision-Maker **The Leader of the Council**

Date of Committee **9 July 2009**

Report Title **Appointments to Bodies and Delegation of Powers**

Summary The enclosed report sets out those bodies to which the Leader appoints members and asks the Leader to confirm the delegations of executive powers as set out in this report.

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Would the recommended decision be contrary to the Budget and Policy Framework?

No.

Background papers

Council report 16 December 2008 Agenda 3 New Constitutions

Constitution June 2009

CONSULTATION ALREADY UNDERTAKEN:- Details to be specified

- Other Committees
- Local Member(s) N/A
- Other Elected Members
- Cabinet Member
- Chief Executive Jim Graham.....
- Legal Jane Pollard -
- Finance
- Other Chief Officers
- District Councils

- Health Authority
- Police
- Other Bodies/Individuals

FINAL DECISION YES

SUGGESTED NEXT STEPS:

Details to be specified

- Further consideration by this Committee
- To Council
- To Cabinet
- To an O & S Committee
- To an Area Committee
- Further Consultation

The Leader- 9th July 2009

Appointment to Bodies and Delegation of Powers

Report of the Strategic Director of Customers, Workforce and Governance

Recommendation

(1) That the Leader appoints to the bodies listed.

(2) That the Leader confirms the executive delegation to Portfolio Holders

1.0 Appointments to Bodies

1.1 Joint Negotiating Bodies

There are two negotiating bodies – one for staff and one for teaching staff. The bodies provide a forum for discussions with relevant trade unions in relation to conditions of service of members of staff and to recommend to the Regulatory Committee any changes or amendments to those conditions of service.

The membership of each is 2 Cabinet members and 2 non-Cabinet members.

The Cabinet is invited to appoint 2 Cabinet members to the Joint Negotiating Body and 2 Cabinet members to the Joint Negotiating Body (Teaching Staff).

1.2 Adoption Panel

The Adoption Panel is a statutorily required body and its membership is prescribed by legislation. The Leader is required to appoint one County Councillor to the Adoption Panel.

1.3 Fostering Panel

The Fostering Services Regulations 2002 section 24(3)(c) states that when the local authority is the agency at least one elected member of that authority may sit on the Panel. In Warwickshire we have determined that it would be one County Councillor.

1.4 Supporting People Commissioning Body Partnership

This is a partnership board comprising WCC, the 5 districts and boroughs, the PCT and Probation. The partnership board makes commissioning decisions on allocating a Supporting People grant (circa £10m) to vulnerable people in need of housing related support services (Councillor Colin Hayfield is current representative).

1.5 Other Organisations

- a) West Midlands Fire and Rescue Services Regional Control Centre Company (Councillor Richard Hobbs is current director). This is a company limited by guarantee for which the membership is the 5 Fire and Rescue Authorities in the West Midlands region. The company is required by law and will provide the region's fire control services once fully operational after 2011.
- b) Warwickshire Firefighters Families Fund Trust. The Firefighters Fund was established following the Atherstone-on-Stour Fire. The constitution of the Trust Fund requires that the Trustees of the Fund include a number of elected members of the Council and the Chief Fire Officer. Current appointments as Trustees are Paul Fuller, Councillors Richard Hobbs and Richard Chattaway and former Councillors Nina Knapman and John Wells.
- c) Warwickshire Careers Service company (Current appointees are Marion Davis, and former Councillors Richard Grant and John Burton). This is a company limited by guarantee for which the membership is WCC and the Coventry Chamber of Commerce. As a member of the company, the Council is able to appoint 3 directors to the company. The company allocates funding to schools and colleges in the county who are seeking specialist status. In addition, it provides a general careers related information and assistance.
- d) Warwickshire Venture Capital Limited (Council can appoint 4 directors). Current appointees are Councillors Chattaway and Barnes and former Councillor Collett. The company, which is no longer active, was established to carry on the business of an investment and property holding and dealing company. This company due to wind up shortly.
- e) Warwick Technology Park Management Company Limited and Warwick Technology Park Management Company (No 2) Limited. The companies manage the landscaping and grounds maintenance of the Warwick Technology Park site. Dave Clarke is currently a director of the first company. The Council can appoint 2 directors to both companies.
- f) University of Warwick Science Park Limited (UWSPL) and University of Warwick Science Park Innovation Centre Limited (UWSPICL). The Council can appoint two directors to UWSPL and one director to UWSPICL. Currently former Councillor Mick Jones is appointed to both companies. UWSPL was set up to manage and run the Science Park. UWSPICL was set up to provide a focus for scientific information and technology exchange between university research and the commercial sector.

2.0 Delegation of Executive Functions to Portfolio Holders

2.1 Further discussions between the Strategic Directors Team and Cabinet members have indicated that it would be helpful if the following powers could be delegated to Portfolio Holders

To approve variations to approved Schemes and Projects provided that the variation would not

- (i) exceed the overall parameters set for the Scheme or Project
- (ii) exceed the approved financial envelope for the Scheme or Project
- (iii) constitute a change to the approved policy objectives of the Scheme or Project
- (iv) be outside the Council's budget and policy framework

The Leader is asked to confirm the delegations of executive powers.

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