

**APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES – MARINE ACTIVITY CENTRE BOARD, CITY HOSPITALS SUNDERLAND FOUNDATION TRUST BOARD OF GOVERNORS, NEWCASTLE INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE, SUNDERLAND ARC, ADMISSIONS FORUM, PUPIL REFERRAL UNIT (PRU) MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE AND THE TYNE AND WEAR INTEGRATED TRANSPORT AUTHORITY WORKING GROUPS**

**Report of the Chief Solicitor**

**1.0 Introduction**

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to consider the Council's representation on the Marine Activity Centre Board, City Hospitals Sunderland Foundation Trust Board of Governors, the Newcastle International Airport Consultative Committee, Sunderland arc, the Admissions Forum, Pupil Referral Unit (Pru) Management Committee and the Tyne and Wear Integrated Transport Authority Working Groups.

**2.0 Marine Activity Centre Board**

- 2.1 The Chair of the Marine Activities Centre at Sunderland Marina, Mr J. D. Pacey, has requested the Council to consider appointing a Council Member and a Chief Officer to sit on the Management Committee of the Marine Activity Centre Board. The Leader of the Majority Group has nominated the Portfolio Holder for Safer City, Councillor D. Wilson and the Executive Director of City Services, Mr R. Odunaiya, as the Council's Representatives on the Board.
- 2.2 The Council is requested to consider confirming the nominations.

**3.0 City Hospitals Sunderland NHS Foundation Trust Board of Governors**

- 3.1 The Council's current representative on the City Hospitals Sunderland NHS Foundation Trust Board of Governors is Councillor E. Timmins who was appointed as the Portfolio Holder for the former Adult Services Portfolio.
- 3.2 Following the recent review of Portfolios the appropriate Portfolio is now Healthy City and the Council is therefore invited to consider the appointment of the Healthy City Portfolio Holder, Councillor N. Wright, to the Board of Governors in place of Councillor Timmins.

#### **4.0 Newcastle International Airport Consultative Committee**

- 4.1 The Chair of the Newcastle International Airport Consultative Committee, Dorothy Craig, has advised that the Newcastle International Airport Consultative Committee provides an effective forum between the Airport and the local community / user groups. At the last meeting of the Committee the membership of the Committee was discussed and it was identified that Sunderland City Council has no representation on the Committee. Members unanimously agreed that an invitation should be extended to Sunderland City Council to become a member. The committee provides a forum in which all matters concerning the development and the operation of the Airport may be discussed.
- 4.2 The Council is requested to consider the invitation to become a member of the Newcastle International Airport Consultative Committee and to consider nominating a Member to sit on the Committee.

#### **5.0 Sunderland arc**

- 5.1 At its meeting on 29<sup>th</sup> July 2009 the Cabinet considered a report on proposals to make further appointments to the Board of Sunderland arc. The ability of Founder Members to appoint Alternative Directors to the Board has been problematic in the past due to a requirement in the company's Articles of Association for a resolution to be circulated and signed by all of the Directors of the Board approving the appointment of that person.
- 5.2 Changes have now been made to simplify this procedure and the Cabinet has therefore recommended the Council to consider nominating the Deputy Leader of the Council, Councillor F. Anderson, and the Deputy Chief Executive, Janet Johnson, as Alternate Founder Member Directors of Sunderland arc.

#### **6.0 Admissions Forum**

- 6.1 At its meeting on 29<sup>th</sup> July 2009 the Cabinet considered a report seeking approval of the new constitution of the Admissions Forum following changes under the School Admissions (Local Authority Reports and Admissions Forums) (England) Regulations 2008 and the issue of a revised School Admissions Code which included guidance on Membership. The Regulations require an Admissions Forum to comprise of no more than 20 members that reflect the types of schools in the area, representatives from each faith group represented by schools in the area together with parent and community representatives. The current Local Authority representative on the Forum is the Portfolio Holder for Children and Learning City, Councillor P. Smith.

6.2 Following consideration of the matter the Cabinet agreed the proposed constitution of the Forum and recommended the Council to consider approving the appointment of a named Local Authority representative on the Forum and to delegate authority to the Executive Director of Children's Services to appoint all other Members of the Forum.

## **7.0 Pupil Referral Unit (PRU)**

7.1 At its meeting on 29<sup>th</sup> July 2009 the Cabinet considered a report At its meeting on 29<sup>th</sup> July 2009 the Cabinet considered a report seeking approval of the constitution of the Pupil Referral Unit Management Committees and reviewing the procedure for appointment to the Committees in the light of the Education (Pupil Referral Units) (Management Committees, etc) (England) Regulations 2007.

7.2 Following consideration of the matter the Cabinet agreed the proposed constitution of the three PRU Management Committees and recommended the Council to consider:

- (i) nominating:
  - (a) one representative to the Management Committee of the Key Stage 1 PRU;
  - (b) three representatives to the Management Committee of the Key Stage 2/3 PRU and Cheadle Centre (KS4);
  - (c) one representative to the Management Committee of the School Returners/Young Mum's Provision PRU,
- (ii) endorsing the appointment of community members to the Management Committees as follows:
  - (a) Key Stage 1 – Mrs C. Young, Mrs S Toole, Mrs A Henderson, Mrs S Bell
  - (b) Key Stage 2/3 and Cheadle Centre KS4 – Mrs P Garrigan, Mr J Austin, Mr R Wilkinson, Mr G Shillinglaw, Ms M Thirlwall and Mr G Mellafont
  - (c) School Returners/Young Mum's Provision – Mrs L Fletcher, Mr C Sketchley, Mrs C Barker and Mr R Bain, and
- (iii) authorising the Education (Appointment of Governors) Panel to make future appointments on behalf of the Council to the PRU management committees.

## **8.0 Tyne and Wear Integrated Transport Authority Working Groups**

8.1 At its meeting on 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2009 the Tyne and Wear Integrated Transport Authority resolved to establish three Working Groups in order to help discharge its functions while ensuring an active involvement of local partners and other interested parties in the development, implementation and delivery of the improvement of local transport in Tyne and Wear. These are:

- A Local Transport Plan Working Group
- A Bus Strategy Working Group
- An Equality and Diversity Working Group

8.2 The Council has been requested to nominate a member to sit on each of the Working Groups as follows:

- Local Transport Plan Working Group – Portfolio Holder for Transport
- Bus Strategy Working Group – Portfolio Holder for Transport
- Equality and Diversity Working Group – Portfolio Holder for Equality and Diversity

In relation to the LTP and Bus Strategy Working Groups if the Lead Member / Portfolio Holder is not an Integrated Transport Authority (ITA) Member then the council can choose to nominate either one of its ITA Members or its Lead Member / Portfolio Holder. In relation to the Equality and Diversity Group it has been requested that the Portfolio Holder with responsibility for Equality and Diversity in the Council be appointed. The Council's current membership on the ITA is Councillors Blackburn, J. Scott, Symonds and Wood.

## **9.0 Recommendations:**

9.1 The Council is therefore recommended to note the report and to consider:-

- (i) approving the request of the Leader of the Majority Group in relation to confirming the nominations of the Portfolio Holder for Safer City, Councillor D. Wilson and the Executive Director of City Services, Mr R. Odunaiya, to sit on the Management Committee of the Marine Activity Centre Board.
- (ii) approving the appointment of the Healthy City Portfolio Holder to the Board of Governors of the City Hospitals Sunderland NHS Foundation Trust,
- (iii) accepting the invitation to become a member of the Newcastle International Airport Consultative Committee and to nominate a Member to sit on the Committee,
- (iv) nominating the Deputy Leader of the Council, Councillor F. Anderson, and the Deputy Chief Executive, Janet Johnson, as Alternate Founder Member Directors of Sunderland arc,

- (v) nominating the Portfolio Holder for Children and Learning City, Councillor P Smith, to the Admissions Forum and delegating authority to the Executive Director of Children's Services to appoint all other Members of the Forum,
- (vi) nominating 5 members to serve on the three PRU Management Committees as set out in paragraph 7.2(i) above and approving the recommendations of the Cabinet in respect of the three PRU Management Committees as set out in paragraph 7.2(ii) and 7.2(iii) above , and
- (vii) nominating the Portfolio Holder for Attractive and Inclusive City, Councillor Blackburn, to the Local Transport Plan Working Group and the Bus Strategy Working Group and the Deputy Leader of the Council, Councillor F Anderson, to the Equality and Diversity Working Group, as outlined in paragraph 8.2 above.