

COUNCIL

20th JUNE 2012

APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES – LIMESTONE LANDSCAPES PARTNERSHIP, STANDING ADVISORY COUNCIL ON RELIGIOUS EDUCATION, AGREED SYLLABUS CONFERENCE, TYNE AND WEAR INTEGRATED TRANSPORT AUTHORITY BUS STRATEGY WORKING GROUP / SCRUTINY COMMITTEE, NORTH EASTERN INSHORE FISHERIES AND CONSERVATION AUTHORITY, YOUTH ALMIGHTY PROJECT, SANDHILL VIEW YOUTH PROJECT (A690) AND GRINDON YOUNG PEOPLE’S CENTRE

Report of the Executive Director of Commercial and Corporate Services

1.0 Introduction

1.1 The purpose of this report is to consider appointments to the Limestone Landscapes Partnership, the Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education, Agreed Syllabus Conference, the Tyne and Wear Integrated Transport Authority (ITA) Bus Strategy Working Group, the North Eastern Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authority, the Youth Almighty Project, Sandhill View Youth Project (A690) and the Grindon Young People’s Centre. In addition, the Council is asked to note changes in relation to the ITA Scrutiny Committee.

2.0 Limestone Landscapes Partnership

2.1 At the Annual Meeting of the Council on 16th May 2012 the Council appointed the Cabinet Secretary and the Head of Planning and Property as its representatives on the Limestone Landscapes Partnership. The Majority Group has now indicated that it would like to nominate Councillor T. Wright in place of the Cabinet Secretary as the Council’s representative.

2.2 The Council is therefore requested to consider appointing Councillor T Wright as its representative on the Limestone Landscapes Partnership along with the Head of Planning and Property.

3.0 Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education (SACRE) and the Agreed Syllabus Conference

3.1 The Education Act 1996 provides for the establishment of an Agreed Syllabus Conference to review the agreed syllabus for Religious Education adopted by the Local Authority. As there is now a current need to review the syllabus it is proposed to establish a Conference to carry out the review. The Conference may have a common membership with the SACRE but it is a separate entity. It is therefore proposed that, so far as possible, the membership of the Conference be common with that of SACRE.

3.2 The Council's current representatives on SACRE are Councillors Francis, Marshall, P Smith, Stewart and Williams. Council is therefore requested to approve the establishment of an Agreed Syllabus Conference and to consider appointing these members to it. In addition, in order to respond promptly to external body nominations for membership of SACRE and the Agreed Syllabus Conference it is proposed that the Executive Director of Children's Services be delegated authority to approve the appointment of all external body representatives on both SACRE and the Agreed Syllabus Conference.

4.0 Tyne and Wear ITA Bus Strategy Working Group / Scrutiny Committee

4.1 At its Annual Meeting on 16th May 2012 the Council appointed the Portfolio Holder for City Services, Councillor Blackburn, together with Councillors Curran, Lawson and Wood as its representatives on the Tyne and Wear ITA. In addition, it nominated the City Services Portfolio Holder to serve on the ITA Local Transport Plan Working Group and the Bus Strategy Working Group and the Deputy Leader to serve on the ITA Equality and Diversity Working Group.

4.2 The Council has been advised by the Tyne and Wear ITA that Councillor Blackburn has now been appointed as the Statutory Vice - Chairman of the ITA and, as a consequence of this appointment, a vacancy now arises on the Bus Strategy Working Group and the Council is therefore requested to consider nominating a representative to serve on the Working Group in place of Councillor Blackburn.

4.3 In addition, the Council is asked to note that at its Annual Meeting on 31st May the ITA replaced its Scrutiny Committee with the ITA Scrutiny Advisory Group. The ITA has advised that the Council's representatives on the Scrutiny Committee, Councillors Padgett and Tate, will now serve on the new ITA Scrutiny Advisory Group however the Council's nominated substitute members, Councillors G. Miller and D. Richardson, will no longer be required under the new membership arrangements.

5.0 North Eastern Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authority

5.1 At the Annual Meeting of the Council on 16th May 2012 the Council appointed Councillor D. Wilson as its representative on the North Eastern Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authority. The Majority Group has now indicated that it would like to nominate Councillor R Atkinson in place of Councillor Wilson as the Council's representative.

5.2 The Council is therefore requested to consider appointing Councillor R Atkinson as its representative on the North Eastern Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authority.

6.0 Youth Almighty Project

6.1 At the Annual Meeting of the Council on 16th May 2012 the Council appointed Councillor C. Marshall as its representative on the Youth Almighty Project. The Majority Group has now indicated that it would like to nominate Councillor R. Atkinson in place of Councillor Marshall as the Council's representative.

6.2 The Council is therefore requested to consider appointing Councillor R. Atkinson as its representative on the Youth Almighty Project.

7.0 Sandhill View Youth Project (A690)

7.1 At the Annual Meeting of the Council on 16th May 2012 the Council appointed Councillor M. Turton as its representative on the Sandhill View Youth Project (A690). The Majority Group has now indicated that it would like to nominate Councillor D. Waller in place of Councillor Turton as the Council's representative.

7.2 The Council is therefore requested to consider appointing Councillor D. Waller as its representative on the Sandhill View Youth Project (A690).

8.0 Grindon Young People's Centre

8.1 At the Annual Meeting of the Council on 16th May 2012 the Council appointed Councillor D Waller as its representative on the Grindon Young People's Centre. The Majority Group has now indicated that it would like to nominate Councillor M Turton in place of Councillor Waller as the Council's representative.

8.2 The Council is therefore requested to consider appointing Councillor M. Turton as its representative on the Grindon Young People's Centre.

9.0 Recommendations:

9.1 The Council is accordingly recommended to consider:

- (i) appointing Councillor T Wright as its representative on the Limestone Landscapes Partnership in place of the Cabinet Secretary,
- (ii) approving the establishment of an Agreed Syllabus Conference as outlined in paragraphs 3.1 and 3.2 above and appointing Councillors Francis, Marshall, P Smith, Stewart and Williams as the Council's representatives on the Conference. In addition, that the Executive Director of Children's Services be granted delegated authority to approve the appointment of all external body representatives on both SACRE and the Agreed Syllabus Conference,

- (iii) appointing a new representative to serve on the ITA Bus Strategy Working Group in place of the Portfolio Holder for City Services and noting the changes in relation to the ITA Scrutiny Committee as outlined in paragraph 4.3 above,
- (iv) appointing Councillor R Atkinson as its representative on the North Eastern Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authority,
- (v) appointing Councillor R. Atkinson as its representative on the Youth Almighty Project,
- (vi) appointing Councillor D. Waller as its representative on the Sandhill View Youth Project (A690), and
- (vii) appointing Councillor M. Turton as its representative on the Grindon Young People's Centre.