

COUNCIL

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APPOINTMENTS – ASSOCIATION OF THE FRIENDS OF SUNDERLAND MUSEUMS, PARKER MEMORIAL HOME AND NOMINATIONS TO COMMITTEES ESTABLISHED BY THE COMBINED AUTHORITY

Report of the Head of Law and Governance

1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to consider appointments to the Association of the Friends of Sunderland Museums (FOSuMs) and to the Parker Memorial Home and also to inform Council of nominations to Committees established by the Combined Authority.

2.0 Sunderland Museums

- 2.1 Sunderland Museums, which includes Sunderland Museum and Winter Gardens, Monkwearmouth Station Museum and Washington F Pit, are owned by Sunderland City Council and until March 2013 were formerly managed through a regional agreement by Tyne and Wear Archives and Museums.
- 2.2 As of April 2013 the decision was made by the Council to bring the management of the service back into its own control.
- 2.3 The Friends of Sunderland Museums are an association who are made up of a range of volunteers whose role for a number of years has been to support the Museums in its service delivery.

3.0 Friends of Sunderland Museums (FOSuMs)

- 3.1 The Friends of Sunderland Museums role is to support and promote the Museum service on a local, regional and national level.
- 3.2 The object of the association as agreed in their constitution is the education of the public by promotion, support and assistance, and improvement of the Museums in Sunderland which are administered by the City Council.

- 3.3 Following the re-organisation of the Museum service the Council is accordingly asked to confirm the appointment of the Public Health, Wellness and Culture Portfolio Holder and appoint a second Member as his alternate to the Association.

4.0 Parker Memorial Home

- 4.1 At a meeting of the Managing Trustees of the Parker Memorial Home held on 28 July 2014, approval was given to the modification of the nomination provisions in the Scheme governing the Charity so that all twelve of the trustees may be appointed by the Council as the sole nominating body.
- 4.2 The Council is the Custodian Trustee for the Charity and under the previous nomination provisions it had been entitled to nominate seven trustees. A further body, the Sunderland Social Services Welfare Committee, had been entitled to nominate five additional managing trustees to the Charity but this committee had ceased to exist and no successor body had been identified. The Scheme therefore required modification to ensure that a full body of trustees are capable of appointment.
- 4.3 There are currently five trustees appointed to the Charity by the Council and it is now recommended that a further six trustees be appointed.

5.0 Nominations to Committees established by the Combined Authority

- 5.1 The Transport North East Committee and Transport North East (Tyne and Wear) Sub-Committee) were established following the creation of the Combined Authority consisting of the Tyne and Wear Councils along with Northumberland and Durham County Councils. The Leader of the Council has authority under the Council's Constitution to make appointments to this joint committee and sub-committee and the following appointments have been made:-

Transport for North East Committee (TNEC)

Leader of the Council and Cabinet Secretary

Transport North East (Tyne and Wear) Sub-Committee (TWSC)

Leader of the Council

6.0 Recommendations

6.1 The Council is accordingly recommended to:-

- (i) confirm the appointment of the Public Health, Wellness and Culture Portfolio Holder to the Friends of Sunderland Museums and appoint a second Member as his alternate,
- (ii) appoint an additional six Members as Managing Trustees of the Parker Memorial Home, and
- (iii) note the appointments to the Transport North East Committee and Transport North East (Tyne and Wear) Sub-Committee made by the Leader of the Council under his delegation in the Council's Constitution.

