

REPORT TO FULL COUNCIL



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Outside Bodies Appointments for 2021/22

PURPOSE

1. To seek appointments to the Council's Outside Bodies for 2021/22.

RECOMMENDATION

2. That Members approve the Outside Bodies list for 2021/22 attached as Appendix 1;

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

3. To ensure that the Outside Bodies list, which the Council appoints Members and Officers to, contributes to the Council's Objectives.

SUMMARY OF KEY POINTS

4. Since Full Council in May 2007, there has been an agreed criteria for the inclusion of an Outside Body (OB) as set out below;
 - 1.The appointment was a Statutory requirement
 - 2.The appointment would make a direct and significant contribution to the Council's Strategic Objectives
 3. There was not significant cost and resource implications for the Council set against any benefit accrued.
 4. That the balances of risk having been considered there would be a detrimental effect on the Council were it not represented.
 - 5.The appointment would raise the profile of the Council at a National or Regional level

Since May 2007 Members who have been appointed to OB have been asked annually to complete a report on their activities.

Every two years a full review has been undertaken of the OB list to complement the annual OB appointments process at the Appointments Council in May of each year. The last biennial review took place in May 2019, and so the next one is now due in May 2021.

5. It should be noted that the majority of appointments to OBs are made by Full Council but are by qualification to the relevant Executive Member, as informed by their Executive Portfolios.

In addition some OBs are appointed to directly by the Executive due to their function.

During 2019/20 the only change to Outside Bodies was that the qualification to Growth Lancashire was amended to be solely the Executive Member for Economy and Growth(100719 Full Council) and it is recommended that this continues for 2021/22.

6. During 2020/21, two Outside Bodies were added to the list- at the 16th December 2020 Full Council the Covid 19 Economic Recovery Board (ERB) was added and appointed to (Leader and 1 Experienced Opposition Member), and at the 24th February 2021 Full Council the LEP Scrutiny Committee was added and appointed to (Any Non Exec Member).
7. However the qualification for appointments to the LEP Scrutiny Committee has been recently clarified by LEP i.e. since the appointments were made at the 24 February 2021 Full Council. The first meeting of LEP Scrutiny took place on 24th March 2021, and since then LEP have just confirmed that they have clarified an amendment to their Scrutiny Committee to change the qualification from a Non Executive Member to Any Member but excluding the Leader.
8. An analysis of the 2020/21 returns so far received in April 2021 from a number of Members indicates that that no issues of specific concern were raised and that there should be continued OB inclusion of the OBs currently on the list.
9. For completeness, there are also 2 Leaders meetings which the Leader attends as a Lancashire Leader generally monthly- a Lancashire District Leaders Forum which is attended by District Leaders only (without Officers apart from the Chair's secretariat support), and which usually precedes and informs a wider Lancashire Leaders Meeting which includes District, Unitary, and County Council Leaders and their Chief Executives and is more formal.
10. In conclusion, there are no further changes recommended to the OB list for 2021/22, and the recommended list for 2021/22 is as set out in the attached Appendix 1.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS AND BUDGET PROVISION

11. None.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

12. None.

DETAILS OF CONSULTATION

13. OB Appointees, Management Team, Group Leaders.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

14. Member and Officer returns 2021/22.

FURTHER INFORMATION

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