

REPORT TO FULL COUNCIL



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Outside Bodies Appointments for 2022/23

PURPOSE

1. To seek appointments to the Council's Outside Bodies for 2022/23.

RECOMMENDATION

2. That Members approve the Outside Bodies list for 2022/23 attached as Appendix 1, outlining the removal of Burnley Education Trust and Burnley Town Centre Partnership and the addition of Burnley Improvement District Board and Burnley Together Steering Group.

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 2021, and so the next one is due in May 2023.

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.
6. During 2021/22 at the 23rd February 2022 Full Council meeting a change to the process for nominating the Council's two potential trustees to Burnley Leisure was agreed.
Their qualification would firstly include attendance at a briefing session organised by Burnley Leisure at which the role and responsibilities will be discussed and provide an opportunity for fact finding by prospective trustees, and secondly that Burnley Leisure would ask Members who have attended the briefing session to give an assurance that if elected as a Local Authority they will fully commit to the role and use all reasonable endeavours to attend each board meeting.

In addition due to the timescales involved post election the appointments would be made at the July 2022 Full Council meeting, with the 18th May 2022 Full Council asked to continue its current appointments where possible until July 2022. To ensure that Trustees had greater continuity in the role, it was agreed that the two Trustees who were nominated by the Council would be appointed for a term of two years and three years respectively. Whilst initially the two Trustees would both be appointed at the same time, thereafter, appointments would be staggered and be for a term of two years.

7. An analysis of the 2021/22 returns so far received in April 2022 from a number of Members/Officers indicates that the following issues were raised regarding whether there should be continued inclusion on the current OB list;

(a) Burnley Town Centre Partneship - has been dissolved , and “replaced” by Burnley Improvement District Board (BIDB) on which Kate Ingram, Strategic Head of Economy and Growth, represents the Council- it is recommended that BIDB be added to the OB list and that the qualifying appointment be to the Strategic Head of Economy and Growth

(b) Burnley Together Steering Group- this OB serves an important strategic function, and it is recommended that BTSG is added to the OB list, with the qualifying representation be the Chief Operating Officer, Executive Member of Health and Wellbeing, and the Head of Policy and Engagement.

(c) Burnley Education Trust has not met for a long period, and the recommendation is to remove it from the OB list.

8. For completeness, please note that there are also 2 Leaders meetings which the Leader is invited to attend as a Lancashire Leader and which meets regularly during the year- 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.
9. In conclusion, other than the removal of Burnley Town Centre Partneship and potential replacement with Burnley Improvement District Board (BIDB), there are

no further changes recommended to the OB list for 2022/23, and the recommended list for 2022/23 is as set out in the attached Appendix 1.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS AND BUDGET PROVISION
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10. None.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

11. None.

DETAILS OF CONSULTATION

12. OB Appointees, Management Team, Group Leaders.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

13. Member and Officer returns 2022/23.

FURTHER INFORMATION

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