
CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL

Outside Organisations Sub-Committee

Date of Meeting: 27 June 2011

Report of: Democratic Services and Registration Manager

Subject/Title: Role of the Outside Organisations Sub-Committee

1.0 Report Summary

To inform the Sub-Committee of its role in respect of appointments to outside organisations.

2.0 Recommendations

That the report be noted.

3.0 Financial Implications

3.1 No issues can be identified as arising from the proposals contained in this report.

4.0 Legal Implications

4.1 No issues can be identified as arising from the proposals contained in this report.

5.0 Risk Management

5.1 No issues can be identified as arising from the proposals contained in this report.

6.0 Background

6.1 During the shadow year, a Task Group was set up by the former Governance and Constitution Committee to devise a work programme and develop recommendations to deal with appointments to outside bodies and to implement best practice.

6.2 The Task Group comprised Councillor S Jones (who was elected Chairman of the Group and has continued to serve as Chairman through its transition to Sub-Committee status), Councillors R Cartlidge, A Kolker and P Whiteley.

6.3 At its meeting held on 24 June 2010, the Governance and Constitution Committee established the Task Group as a standing Sub-Committee, with six Members appointed in accordance with the rules of proportionality.

6.4 At Annual Council on 18 May 2011, the Sub-Committee, comprising the following Members, was appointed –

Councillors G Baxendale, R Cartlidge, S Jones,
D Marren, B Moran and B Murphy

6.5 The Terms of Reference for the Sub-Committee are as follows –

- (a) To meet on an *ad hoc* basis;
- (b) To comprise six Members on a proportionate basis (4 Conservative, 1 Liberal Democrat and 1 Labour)¹;
- (c) To oversee appointments, in general, to outside organisations;
- (d) To oversee all appointments to Category 2 outside organisations and address any issues emerging in respect of those appointments;
- (e) To continue with its review of appointments to establish the effectiveness and appropriateness of representation²;
- (f) To consider all new requests from outside organisations for representation on outside bodies;
- (g) Arising out of the process under (e) above, to refer to Cabinet any organisation(s) deemed to be a Category 1; and
- (h) To report back to the Constitution Committee as and when it considers appropriate;

6.6 Other than matters to be considered elsewhere on this agenda, there is currently no work programme for the Sub-Committee.

7.0 Access to Information

7.1 The background papers relating to this report can be inspected by contacting the report writer:

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¹ On this occasion, agreement between the Whips was reached and the rules of political proportionality were not strictly observed.

² Although the partial review has concluded, the Sub-Committee may wish to undertake a further review during the course of the year.