
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 Cartledge, 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.