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**Report to**  
Council

24th June, 2010

**Report of**  
Director of Customer and Workforce Services

**Title**  
Amendments to Membership of City Council Bodies and Appointments to Outside Bodies

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### 1 Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 To seek Council's approval to amend some memberships of City Council bodies and appointments to outside bodies that were approved at the Annual Meeting of the Council on 20<sup>th</sup> May, 2010 and to appoint to some outside bodies that now require City Council representatives.

### 2 Recommendations

The City Council is recommended to:-

- (i) Approve the replacement of Councillor Mrs Sweet with Councillor Singh on Children, Young People, Learning and Leisure Scrutiny Board (Scrutiny Board 2) with immediate effect
- (ii) Approve the replacement of Councillor Singh with Councillor Sweet on Planning Committee with immediate effect
- (iii) Approve the following amendments to appointments to outside bodies with immediate effect:-

**Coventry Learning Disabilities Partnership Board** – Councillor Noonan to replace Councillor Mrs Johnson

**Older People's Partnership Board** – Councillor Noonan to replace Councillor Mrs Johnson

**Belgrade Theatre Trust (Coventry) Limited** – Councillor Welsh to replace Councillor Skipper

**Coventry Mental Health Partnership Board** – Councillor Clifford to replace Councillor Townshend

**Coventry, Solihull and Warwickshire Leaders Board** – Councillor John Mutton (new appointment)

- (iv) Support the resolution to reduce the number of Board Members on the Whitefriars Housing Group Board and that the number of Council representatives appointed to that Board be reduced from 6 to 4 with effect from October 2010 for the reasons detailed in Paragraph 6 of this report, those Councillors being Councillors Mrs Bigham, Maton (Lead Member), Ruane and Skinner.
- (v) Nominate Councillor Welsh and Ms Julie Sullivan as Authority Governors to the Governing Body of Sidney Stringer Academy with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> September, 2010.

### **3 Information/Background**

At the Annual Meeting of the City Council on 20<sup>th</sup> May, 2010, approval was given to the membership of City Council bodies and appointments to outside bodies. However, in accordance with the wishes of the Political Groups and other necessary changes, it is now proposed to make some amendments to those memberships/appointments. In addition, some new appointments have been identified.

### **4 Proposal and Other Option(s) to be Considered**

4.1 In relation to the membership of City Council bodies, it is proposed to:-

- (i) replace Councillor Mrs Sweet on Children, Young People, Learning and Leisure Scrutiny Board (Scrutiny Board 2) with Councillor Singh.
- (ii) replace Councillor Singh on Planning Committee with Councillor Mrs Sweet

4.2 In relation to appointments to outside bodies, it is proposed make the following amendments:-

**Coventry Learning Disabilities Partnership Board** – Councillor Noonan to replace Councillor Mrs Johnson

**Older People's Partnership Board** – Councillor Noonan to replace Councillor Mrs Johnson

**Belgrade Theatre Trust (Coventry) Limited** – Councillor Welsh to replace Councillor Skipper

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4.3 The Coventry, Solihull and Warwickshire Sub-Regional Forum has now ceased and the Coventry, Solihull and Warwickshire Leaders Board has been established. It is therefore proposed that the City Council notes that the Sub-Regional Forum no longer exists and appoints Councillor John Mutton to the Coventry, Solihull and Warwickshire Leaders Board.

4.4 At its meeting on 11 March 2008 Cabinet agreed that nominations to the position of Authority Governor (previously known as local authority governor) to the governing bodies of Academies should take the form of appointments to outside bodies. The new Sidney

Stringer Academy will open on 1 September 2010 to replace the existing Sidney Stringer School which will close at the end of the summer term 2010. The City Council is a sponsor of the new Academy and will be able to nominate two governors to join the governing body. The governing body will be established under the Academy's memorandum and Articles of Association as part of the funding agreement and will be accountable to the Secretary of State through that agreement.

It is proposed that the City Council nominate Councillor Welsh who is a Ward Councillor for St Michael's Ward and Ms Julie Sullivan who is Chair of Governors of the current Sidney Stringer School and is a long standing Authority Governor of the School

## **5 Other specific implications**

- 5.1 As this is essentially a process report, no specific implications are anticipated other than those mentions in paragraph 6.

## **6 Legal Implications on the Whitefriars Housing Group**

- 6.1 Whitefriars Housing Group has agreed at its Non Executive Board meeting to reduce the number of Board Members from 19 to 13. Currently the membership is as follows -:

Council - 6

Tenant board members - 6

Independents - 6

West Mercia Housing Group Limited - 1

- 6.2 The intention is that all the parties will now have 4 Board Members, except West Mercia Housing Group, which will remain with 1 Board Member. The changes are entirely administrative and are intended to achieve savings. All the terms of the housing stock transfer as varied on the 20<sup>th</sup> July 2006 remain unchanged so that the ethos, workings and effect of the transfer remain intact and there is no fundamental change to the obligations and rights of the Council in the transfer documents.
- 6.3 Currently the Council has six Members on the Board (as appointed at the Annual Meeting of the City Council on 20<sup>th</sup> May, 2010). The City Council is requested to support the resolution to reduce the number of Board Members and to nominate four Councillors to represent the Council with effect from the next Board meeting of Whitefriars Housing Group in October 2010.

List of background papers

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