
Council

18th October, 2011

Name of Cabinet Member:

Not Applicable

Director Approving Submission of the report:

Director of Customer and Workforce Services

Ward(s) affected:

Not Applicable

Title:

Appointments to Council and Outside Bodies

Is this a key decision?

No

Executive Summary:

This report seeks Council's approval to appoint Councillor Mrs. Miks, newly elected Councillor for Lower Stoke, to two Council bodies and to a number of outside bodies; to appoint to vacancies on the Coventry Church (Municipal) Charities and the Coventry Refugee Centre; and to appoint to vacancies for Academy governors.

Recommendation:

The City Council is recommended to:-

- 1) Approve the appointment of Councillor Mrs Miks to the Economy, Regeneration and Transport Scrutiny Board (Scrutiny Board 3) and the Environment and Community Safety Scrutiny Board (Scrutiny Board 4) with immediate effect.
- 2) Approve the appointment of Councillor Mrs Miks to the following outside bodies with immediate effect:-
 - a) Coventry and Solihull Waste Disposal Company Limited – Advisory Forum
 - b) Leicester University Court
 - c) Annie Bettmann Foundation
 - d) Coventry General Charities Trustees

- e) Sir Charles Barratt Memorial Foundation
 - f) Soothern and Craner Educational Foundation
 - g) Tom Mann Centre Trust Management Committee
- 3) Appoint a representative to the Coventry Church (Municipal) Charities
- 4) Appoint to the following Academy governor vacancies
- a) Coventry Blue Coat Church of England School and Music College (Academy) – Ms Eleanora Hollings
 - b) Tile Hill Wood School and Language College (Academy) – Councillor Maton
 - c) The Woodlands Academy – Councillor Mrs Hetherton
- 5) Appoint Councillor Welsh to the Coventry Refugee Centre in place of Councillor Skipper.

List of Appendices included:

None

Other useful background papers:

Minutes from the Annual Meeting of the City Council held on 19th May, 2011.

Has it or will it be considered by Scrutiny?

No

Has it, or will it be considered by any other Council Committee, Advisory Panel or other body?

No

Will this report go to Council?

Yes – 18th Oct 2011

Report title: Appointments to Council Bodies

1. Context (or background)

- 1.1 At the Annual Meeting of the City Council on 19th May, 2011, approval was given to the membership of City Council bodies and appointments to outside bodies.
- 1.2 Following the recent election in Lower Stoke, it is proposed to appoint Councillor Mrs. Miks to vacancies on City Council bodies and outside bodies previously held by the late Councillor Harrison.
- 1.3 A vacancy has recently arisen for a City Council representative on the Coventry Church (Municipal) Charities following the death of Mr. J. Ijoma.
- 1.4 Vacancies have also arisen for governors on three schools which have recently converted to Academies and who have made provision in their Articles of Association to have a governor nominated by the Local Authority on their governing body.
- 1.5 In addition, a vacancy has recently arisen on the Coventry Refugee Centre, following the resignation of Councillor Skipper.

2. Options considered and recommended proposal

- 2.1 It is proposed that Councillor Mrs. Miks be appointed to the Economy, Regeneration and Transport Scrutiny Board (Scrutiny Board 3) and to the Environment and Community Safety Scrutiny Board (Scrutiny Board 4).
- 2.2 It is proposed that Councillor Mrs. Miks be appointed to the following outside bodies:-

a) Coventry and Solihull Waste Disposal Company Limited – Advisory Forum

The Forum considers the waste disposal activities and financial results of the joint account for the two Authorities. The other City Council representatives are Councillors Andrews, Lapsa and Maton.

b) Leicester University Court

This meets once a year and considers a report of the proceedings of the University.

c) Annie Bettmann Foundation

The Foundation makes payments to persons over 21 and under 40 years of age for assistance in starting a business. The other City Council representatives are Councillors Mrs Fletcher and Skinner and Mrs A. Brown and Mr. P. Cordle.

d) Coventry General Charities Trustees

Trustees make payments for a number of purposes including the relief of persons in conditions of need, hardship or distress in the City; for the payment of pensions, preference being given to Freemen of the City; and for the general advancement of education to persons under 25 years of age. The other City

Council representatives are Councillors Crookes, Mrs Johnson and Lapsa, Mr. N. Lee, Mrs E. Eaves, Mrs M. Lancaster and Mrs. W. Thomson.

e) Sir Charles Barratt Memorial Foundation

The Foundation is a charitable body that gives grants for musical instruments. The other City Council representative is Councillor Crookes.

f) Soothern and Craner Educational Foundation

The Foundation assists girls in the City by means of monetary grants. The other City Council representatives are Councillors Mrs Abbott and Blundell.

g) Tom Mann Centre Trust Management Committee

The Committee promotes the life of Tom Mann and his involvement with Trade Unions. The other City Council representatives are Councillors Chater and Lakha.

2.3 It is proposed that the City Council appoints a representative to the Coventry Church (Municipal) Charities Trustees, which is a charitable body concerned with the relief of poverty for elderly people. The other City Council representatives are Councillor Clifford and Mrs R. Mason.

2.4 It is proposed that the City Council appoints to the following Academy governor vacancies:-

a) Coventry Blue Coat Church of England School and Music College (Academy) – Ms Eleanora Hollings

b) Tile Hill Wood School and Language College (Academy) – Councillor Maton

c) The Woodlands Academy – Councillor Mrs Hetherton

2.5 It is proposed that Councillor Welsh be appointed to the Coventry Refugee Centre in place of Councillor Skipper. The Centre provides help for asylum seekers with subsistence, housing and health and racial harassment problems, together with providing assistance in setting up home for those given leave to remain. The other City Council representatives are Councillors Chater and Mrs Lepoidevin.

3. Results of consultation undertaken

Not applicable

4. Timetable for implementing this decision

4.1 The appointments will take effect from the date of the Council Meeting.

5. Comments from Director of Finance and Legal Services

5.1 Financial implications

Not applicable

5.2 Legal implications

The Scrutiny Boards are treated as a body to which Section 15 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 (duty to allocate seats to political groups) applies and are required to reflect the political balance of the Council.

6. Other implications

None

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