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Council

3<sup>rd</sup> July 2012

**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 of the City Council**

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**Is this a key decision?**

No

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**Executive Summary:**

This report seeks approval:

- (a) To the appointment of a City Council representative on the Birmingham Airport Focus Group that has been established to sit alongside the Airspace Change Process, which is required for the change to the flight path to the South East of the Airport Runway.
- (b) To the appointment of two City Council representatives on the Tansley Charity Trust.
- (c) To the appointment of a City Council representative on the John Friends Memorial Fund.
- (d) To amend an appointment made at the Annual Meeting of the City Council in May 2012 in relation to membership of the Jobs, Skills and Growth Scrutiny Board (3).
- (e) To appoint Ms. Kellie Jones, an elected primary school parent governor, as a Co-opted Member on the Children and Young People Scrutiny Board (2) if education matters are to be considered.

**Recommendations:**

That the City Council:

- (a) Appoints Councillor John McNicholas as the City Council's representative on the Birmingham Airport Focus Group with immediate effect.
- (b) Approves the appointment of two representatives of the City Council to the Tansley Charity Trust.

- (c) Approves the appointment of a representative of the City Council to the John Friends Memorial Fund.
- (d) Approves the appointment of Councillor Clifford as a member of the Jobs, Skills and Growth Scrutiny Board (3) in place of Councillor Gingell with immediate effect.
- (e) Approves the appointment of Ms. Kellie Jones, as a Co-opted Member on the Children and Young People Scrutiny Board (2) if education matters are to be considered on the terms set out in the report, with immediate effect.

**List of Appendices included:**

None

**Other useful background papers:**

None

**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 – 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2012

**Report title: Amendments to Appointments Made at the Annual Meeting of Council**

**1. Context (or background)**

**Appointment to Outside Body - Birmingham Airport Focus Group**

- 1.1 In February 2012 Birmingham Airport's Board made the decision to begin the construction of an extension to the Airport's main runway. This means that, as the Runway is being extended to the South East where a change to the flight path is required, the Airspace Change Process that was previously started in 2008 can now re-commence with immediate effect.
- 1.2 Birmingham Airport has established a Focus Group which sits alongside the Airspace Change Process and is made up of representatives of areas potentially affected by the change to the flight path.

**Appointment to Outside Body – Tansley Charity Trust**

- 1.3 The Tansley Charity Trust is a charity administered by the Council, to make grants to elderly, infirm ladies in order to relieve hardship and distress. The Charity usually meets three times a year to consider applications submitted to them.
- 1.4 Following the resignation of Former Councillors Mrs Dixon and Mrs Johnson, there are now two vacancies for City Council representatives on the Board of Trustees. The Council's remaining Trustees are Councillor Auluck and the Lord Mayor. There are also three Trustees who are representatives of the Coventry Cathedral.
- 1.5 Council representatives need not be Elected Members of the City Council.

**Appointment to Outside Body – John Friends Memorial Fund**

- 1.6 The John Friends Memorial Fund is a charity administered by the Council, to make grants to schools and individuals to promote the study of music, astronomy and meteorology. The Charity usually meets twice a year to consider applications submitted to them.
- 1.7 As a result of Former Councillor Nellist not being re-elected, a vacancy exists on the Board of Trustees. The Council's remaining Trustees are Councillors Clifford and Crookes. The Director of Children, Learning and Young People is also represented on the Board of Trustees. The Charity was included in the Appointments to Outside Bodies Report submitted to the Annual meeting of the Council on 17<sup>th</sup> May 2012 and was not appointed to at that time.
- 1.8 Council representatives must be Elected Members of the City Council.

**Amendment to Membership of the Jobs, Skills and Growth Scrutiny Board**

- 1.9 At the Annual General Meeting of the City Council on 17<sup>th</sup> May 2012 Councillor Gingell was appointed to the Jobs, Skills and Growth Scrutiny Board (3). Councillor Gingell is unable to continue with her appointment due to other diary commitments and it is now proposed to make an amendment to the membership of the Board with immediate effect.

## **Amendment to Children and Young People Scrutiny Board**

- 1.10 Following the retirement of Rachel Hickenbotham, a Co-opted Member on the Children and Young People Board (2), an election was held involving all primary school parent governors, seeking the nomination of a replacement Co-opted Member on the Board if education matters are to be considered. A nomination from Ms. Kellie Jones was received by the Children, Learning and Young People Directorate, who are recommending her appointment with immediate effect.
- 1.11 This is a statutory appointment and the appointee may vote at the Children and Young People Scrutiny Board (2) on education issues only, but may speak on other issues being considered at the meeting. In addition, where a call-in relating to education matters is determined by Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee, the appointee will be entitled to attend the meeting and speak but not vote on that matter. If an education matter is to be considered at a meeting of another Scrutiny Board, the appointee will be invited to attend the meeting and speak but not vote on that matter.

## **2. Options considered and recommended proposal**

2.1 It is proposed that:

- (a) Councillor John McNicholas be appointed as the City Council representative on the Birmingham Airport Focus Group.
- (b) Two nominees be appointed as the City Council's representatives on the Tansley Charity Trust.
- (c) A nominee be appointed as the City Council's representative on the John Friends Memorial Fund.
- (d) Councillor Clifford be appointed as a member of the Jobs, Skills and Growth Scrutiny Board in place of Councillor Gingell.
- (e) Ms. Kellie Jones be appointed as a Co-opted Member on the Children and Young People Scrutiny Board (2) if education matters are to be considered on the terms set out in the report.

## **3. Results of consultation undertaken**

Not applicable

## **4. Timetable for implementing this decision**

4.1 The appointments will take immediate effect.

## **5. Comments from Director of Finance and Legal Services**

5.1 Financial implications

Not applicable

## 5.2 Legal implications

5.2.1 The Parent Governor Representatives (England) Regulations 2001 provide that the Council shall appoint at least two but not more than five Parent Governor representatives to the relevant Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

5.2.2 The City Council's Constitution provides for the appointment of five co-opted members to the Children and Young People Scrutiny Board (2) if education matters are to be considered. One of those co-opted members is a parent governor elected by the parent governors in the City in respect of the Primary phase of education.

## 6. Other implications

Not applicable

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