

Council

1 December 2015

Name of Cabinet Member:

Cabinet Member for Policy and Leadership – Councillor Mrs Lucas

Executive Director Approving Submission of the report:

Executive Director of Resources

Ward(s) affected:

Not Applicable

Title:

Appointments of the City Council – Outside Bodies

Is this a key decision?

No

Executive Summary:

This report seeks approval to appoint:

- 1) One City Council representative to each vacancy on the following Outside Bodies:
Police and Crime Panel
Coventry & Solihull Waste Disposal Company Ltd – Shareholders' Panel
West Midlands Employers
West Midlands Joint Committee
- 2) One City Council nomination to each vacancy of Trustee on the following Outside Bodies:
Bonds Hospital Estate Charity Trustees
Swillington's Charity Trustees
- 3) Two City Council nominations to serve as Trustees on the Annie Bettmann Foundation to fill two vacancies.

Recommendations:

That the City Council appoints:-

- 1) Councillor A Khan as the City Council's named substitute Member representative on the Police and Crime Panel
- 2) Councillor K Maton as the City Council representative on the Coventry & Solihull Waste Disposal Company Ltd – Shareholders' Panel
- 3) Councillor D Kershaw as a City Council nominated Trustee of Bonds Hospital Estate Charity Trustees

- 4) Councillor D Kershaw as a City Council nominated Trustee of Swillington's Charity Trustees
- 5) Councillor D Gannon as a City Council representative on West Midlands Employers representative
- 6) Councillor D Gannon as a City Council representative on West Midlands Joint Committee, who would also be the substitute Member for voting purposes
- 7) Councillor J Clifford and Councillor F Abbott as City Council nominated Trustees on the Annie Bettmann Foundation, Councillor F Abbott to be designated as the Lead Member for the Council's reporting purposes.

List of Appendices included:

None

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 – 1 December 2015

Report title: **Appointments of the City Council**

1. Context (or background)

Following the recent death of the Deputy Leader of the Council, Councillor P Townshend, a number of vacancies on Outside Bodies have arisen as follows.

1.1 Police And Crime Panel

1.1.1 The Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 requires the local authorities in each police force area to establish and maintain a Police and Crime Panel for its police force area.

1.1.2 Each year, Birmingham City Council, Coventry City Council, Dudley Metropolitan Borough Council, Sandwell Metropolitan Borough Council, Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council, Walsall Metropolitan Borough Council and Wolverhampton City Council are required to appoint an Elected Member representative and a named substitute from their Authority to the West Midlands Police and Crime Panel.

1.1.3 In addition to the appointments made by Coventry City Council and Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council, 1 further Member is jointly nominated by Coventry and Solihull and appointed by the West Midlands Joint Committee, the appointment rotates annually, for 2015/2016 the appointment is an Elected Member from Solihull Council.

1.1.4 The City Council is required to appoint an Elected Member as the Authority's substitute representative to the Panel.

1.2 Coventry & Solihull Waste Disposal Company Ltd – Shareholders' Panel

1.2.1 The Shareholders Panel oversees the operation of the Waste Disposal Company.

1.2.2 Each year the City Council appoints 3 Elected Member representatives to the Panel.

1.2.3 The City Council is required to appoint an Elected Member representative to the vacancy on the Panel.

1.3 Bonds Hospital Estate Charity Trustees

1.3.1 Bonds Hospital Estate Charity is an organisation that manages property for the benefit of the elderly.

1.3.2 The City Council is required to nominate 3 Trustees of the Charity who need not be Elected Members. Each nomination is for a period of 4 years.

1.3.3 The City Council is required to make a nomination to the vacancy of Trustee.

1.4 Swillington's Charity Trustees

1.4.1 Swillington's Charity is an organisation for the general benefit of the poor in the City of Coventry.

1.4.2 Each Year the City Council is required to nominate 2 Elected Members as Trustees of the Charity.

1.4.3 The City Council is required to make a nomination to the vacancy of Trustee.

1.5 West Midlands Employers

1.5.1 The West Midlands Employers is an organisation advising, supporting and representing authorities in human resource management, industrial relations and employee/organisational development.

1.5.2 Each year the City Council is required to appoint 1 representative to the organisation who is usually the Executive Member with responsibility for Human Resources/Employment or the Leader of the Council.

1.5.3 The Leader of the Council is the current appointee and formerly alternated attendance at the meetings with the Executive Member with responsibility for Human Resources/Employment.

1.5.4 The City Council is required to appoint an Elected Member representative to the vacancy of alternate Member.

1.6 West Midlands Joint Committee

1.6.1 West Midlands Joint Committee is the formerly constituted body of West Midlands District Councils to discharge specific functions concerning the West Midlands.

1.6.2 Each year the City Council is required to appoint 3 representatives to the Committee. The Leader is currently the Authority's Lead Voting Member appointed to the Body.

1.6.3 The City Council is required to appoint an Elected Member representative to the vacancy on the Committee, who would also be the substitute Member for voting purposes.

1.7 Annie Bettmann Foundation

1.7.1 The Annie Bettmann Foundation is a small charity that provides financial support to people living locally who are starting a business. It was established by Siegfried Bettmann, a former mayor of Coventry.

1.7.2 The Charity, which meets on average 4 times a year, must have between 4 and 6 trustees who, under the terms of the Trust Deed, must be nominated by the City Council but need not be Elected Members. The appointments are for a 4 year period with all current appointments expiring in May 2017.

1.7.3 The City Council is required to nominate a representative to the vacancy on the Foundation, to serve as a trustee until the Annual Meeting of the Council 2017. The City Council is also required to nominate a further representative to a second vacancy on the Foundation, which has arisen following the recent resignation of former Councillor, Mrs C Fletcher, who was also designated lead representative for the Council's reporting purposes.

2. Options considered and recommended proposal

- 2.1 It is proposed that the City Council be represented on the Police and Crime Panel by the appointment of Councillor A Khan, as the named substitute Member.
- 2.2 It is proposed that the City Council be represented on the Coventry & Solihull Waste Disposal Company Ltd – Shareholders’ Panel by the appointment of Councillor K Maton.
- 2.3 It is proposed that the City Council nominates Councillor D Kershaw as a Trustee of Bonds Hospital Estate Charity Trustees.
- 2.4 It is proposed that the City Council nominates Councillor D Kershaw as a Trustee of Swillington’s Charity Trustees.
- 2.5 It is proposed that the City Council be represented on West Midlands Employers by the appointment of Councillor D Gannon.
- 2.6 It is proposed that the City Council be represented on the West Midlands Joint Committee by the appointment of Councillor D Gannon, who would also be the substitute Member for voting purposes.
- 2.7 It is proposed that the City Council nominates Councillor J Clifford and Councillor F Abbott as Trustees of Annie Bettmann Foundation. Councillor F Abbott would be designated as the Lead Member for the Council’s reporting purposes

3. Results of consultation undertaken

- 3.1 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 the Executive Director of Resources

- 5.1 Financial implications

Not applicable

- 5.2 Legal implications

The Council is required to appoint City Council representatives to each organisation.

6. Other implications

Not applicable

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