

BROMSGROVE DISTRICT COUNCIL

CABINET

7th JANUARY 2015

APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES –WORCESTERSHIRE LOCAL TRANSPORT BOARD, WORCESTERSHIRE EUROPEAN STRUCTURAL AND INVESTMENT FUND (ESIF) COMMITTEE, GREATER BIRMINGHAM AND SOLIHULL EU STRUCTURAL AND INVESTMENT FUND (ESIF) COMMITTEE AND WORCESTERSHIRE LOCAL ENTERPRISE PARTNERSHIP,

Relevant Portfolio Holder	Cllr Sherrey
Portfolio Holder Consulted	Yes
Relevant Head of Service	Claire Felton, Head of Legal, Equalities and Democratic Services
Ward(s) Affected	All
Ward Councillor(s) Consulted	N/A
Key Decision / Non-Key Decision	Non-key

1. SUMMARY OF PROPOSALS

- 1.1 This report asks the Cabinet to appoint to certain outside bodies.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that

The Cabinet makes appointments to the following organisations:

- (a) The Worcestershire Local Transport Board – one representative and one substitute from the three North Worcestershire Districts;
- (b) Worcestershire European Union Structural and Investment Fund (ESIF) Committee – one representative and one substitute from the three North Worcestershire Districts;
- (c) Greater Birmingham and Solihull European Union Structural and Investment Fund (ESIF) Committee – one representative and one substitute from the three North Worcestershire Districts.

The Cabinet notes the following appointment:

- (d) Worcestershire Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) – Councillor Sherrey appointed on behalf of the 3 North Worcestershire Districts, as required by the LEP constitution.

3. KEY ISSUES

Financial Implications

- 3.1 There are no financial implications arising directly from this report.

Legal Implications

- 3.2 No specific legislation governs the appointment or nomination of members to outside bodies by the Council. Depending on the nature of the relationship the Council has with the organisation, the legal status of the organisation, its corporate, charity or other status and its constitution, there are differing legal implications for the members sitting on these bodies.
- 3.3 The Local Authorities (Indemnities for Members and Officers) Order 2004 governs the Council's ability to indemnify members sitting on outside bodies.
- 3.4 The appointments being brought to the Cabinet today are in accordance with the Council's constitution, where the Cabinet appoints to bodies which exercise Cabinet functions.

Service / Operational Implications

- 3.5 A number of bodies ask the Council to make appointments to them for terms of office which vary from one year upwards.
- 3.6 We have been notified of vacancies on the following bodies:
- (a) Worcestershire Local Transport Board;
 - (b) Worcestershire European Structural and Investment Fund (ESIF) Committee (new)
 - (c) Greater Birmingham and Solihull Local Strategic Partnership European Structural and Investment Fund (ESIF) Committee (new)

In addition, the Cabinet is asked to note the appointment to the Worcestershire Local Enterprise Partnership of Councillor Sherrey.

3.7 Worcestershire Local Transport Board

The Council currently does not have a representative on the Worcestershire Transport Board. It is now proposed to re-establish Transport Board meetings and the Cabinet is asked to nominate one representative and one substitute from the three North Worcestershire Districts, as required by the governing documents.

Redditch Borough Council and Wyre Forest District Council have nominated Councillor P Mould from Redditch Borough Council to be North Worcestershire Councils' representative to this body, with Councillor J-P Champion as the substitute member.

3.8 Worcestershire European Union Structural and Investment Fund (ESIF) Strategy Committee

This is a new body. It is a sub-committee of a national programme monitoring committee and growth programme board for European Union funds, organised on a Worcestershire level.

It has representation from the Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP), business partners, voluntary and community sectors, trade unions, higher education etc. One representative is requested to represent the 3 north Worcestershire District Councils. Its role is primarily advisory at this stage.

All LEPs were asked to produce a programming document – the European Structural Investment Fund – ESIF – in the autumn of 2013. The ESIF Committee will use the Worcestershire LEP ESIF Strategy as its strategic framework and will be responsible for its development and delivery.

The Council is asked to nominate one Councillor and one substitute to represent the three north Worcestershire Districts. Redditch Borough Council has nominated Councillor M Webb from Bromsgrove as representative and Councillor J Fisher from Redditch as substitute.

3.9 Greater Birmingham and Solihull LEP Area EU Structural and Investment Fund (ESIF) Strategy Committee

The background to this committee is similar to that for the Worcestershire Committee above.

Redditch Borough Council has nominated Councillor M Webb from Bromsgrove and Councillor J Fisher from Redditch as representative and substitute respectively.

Customer / Equalities and Diversity Implications

3.10 There are no specific customer or equalities implications arising from this report.

4. RISK MANAGEMENT

4.1 There would be risks arising if the Council failed to make appointments to the Outside Bodies listed in this report; the nature of the risk varies depending on the type of body in question. The Council needs to participate in nominating to certain Outside Bodies to ensure that existing governance arrangements can be complied with. On the other bodies non-participation would detract from the Council's ability to shape and influence policies and activities which affect the residents of Bromsgrove.

5. APPENDICES

None

6. BACKGROUND PAPERS

Worcestershire Local Transport Board Assurance Framework

http://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/downloads/file/1731/worcestershire_ltba_assurance_framework

7. KEY

LEP – Local Enterprise Partnership

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