

BROMSGROVE DISTRICT COUNCIL

COUNCIL

19th JANUARY 2015

APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES – GREATER BIRMINGHAM AND SOLIHULL LEP AND GREATER BIRMINGHAM AND SOLIHULL LEP LOCAL TRANSPORT BOARD

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 Council to appoint to certain outside bodies.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that

The Council makes appointments to the following organisations:

- (a) The Greater Birmingham and Solihull Local Enterprise Partnership – one representative and one substitute from the three North Worcestershire Districts;
- (b) Greater Birmingham and Solihull Local Enterprise Partnership Local Transport Board – one representative and one substitute from the three North Worcestershire Districts;

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.

Service / Operational Implications

- 3.4 A number of bodies ask the Council to make appointments to them for terms of office which vary from one year upwards.
- 3.5 Representation on the bodies before the Council this evening would usually be decided by the Cabinet as the Council has previously agreed as a “local choice” function that the Cabinet appoints to those bodies which deal with executive functions. However, at the meeting in July 2014 it was agreed to consider these specific appointments at the Council meeting. This is why they are being brought to the Council as an exception. In future they will return to being dealt with as an executive function.

3.6 Greater Birmingham and Solihull Local Enterprise Partnership

The Council meeting in July 2014 appointed Councillor Sherrey as the Council’s representative to the Greater Birmingham and Solihull Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP). Councillor Sherrey has since resigned from this appointment.

The Constitution of the LEP requires that one Councillor from the three North Worcestershire District Councils is appointed to represent them on the LEP. Redditch Borough and Wyre Forest District Councils have agreed to the appointment of Councillor J-P Campion (Wyre Forest) as the representative and Councillor B Hartnett (Redditch) as the substitute member.

3.7 Greater Birmingham and Solihull Local Enterprise Partnership Local Transport Board

The assurance framework for this body requires that there is one representative and one substitute for the 3 North Worcestershire District Councils, and that they are a Leader or nominated substitute.

Councillor Sherrey was appointed to the Transport Board by the Council at its meeting on 16th July but has resigned from the appointment. Wyre Forest District and Redditch Borough Councils have appointed Councillor J-P Campion from Wyre Forest District Council as representative and Councillor P Mould from Redditch Borough Council as substitute.

Customer / Equalities and Diversity Implications

- 3.8 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

Terms of reference and governance documents for Greater Birmingham and Solihull LEP Transport Board as reported to Cabinet 4th September 2013 and Council 25th September 2013.

7. KEY

LEP – Local Enterprise Partnership

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