

EXECUTIVE BOARD
26TH JUNE 2017

OUTSIDE BODY REPRESENTATION

Recommendations / key decisions required:

To consider on-going representation on outside bodies following the 2017 Local Government Elections and whether to introduce a 'reporting back' requirement.

Reasons:-

To agree a

- definitive list of those Outside Bodies (including partnerships) where Carmarthenshire County Council appoints a representative.
- protocol for the review of, and appointment to, Outside Bodies including reporting back arrangements

Relevant scrutiny committee to be consulted	NO
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Exec Board Decision Required YES

Council Decision Required YES

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER PORTFOLIO HOLDER:- Cllr Emlyn Dole (Leader)

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In view of the Local Government Elections it is pertinent to review the list of notified Outside Bodies and determine whether the Council should make/continue to make an appointment to those bodies. An initial review of the list of outside bodies had been undertaken to ascertain the current status of the existing organisations and to put forward an up-to-date list for appointment.

Appointments to serve on outside bodies are currently made by :-

- The Council where political balance rules apply, namely Dyfed Powys Police & Crime Panel, Brecon Beacons National Park Authority and Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Authority (nominations are submitted by the Political Group Leaders for Council's consideration)
- the Executive Board where the work of the body relates to the functions of the Executive Board
- by Members' Appointments Committee for all remaining outside bodies.

Appointments to the existing list of outside bodies have historically been made following the election of a new council, with changes made as and when terms of office expire or members resign. Nominations have normally been provided on the basis of matching the appointments with the roles of Executive Board Members, Scrutiny Chairs and Vice Chairs or members that may have some specific expertise in respect of the work of the body involved. In respect of local organisations the local member is usually appointed.

It is suggested that determination should be based on one or more of the following criteria being met:

- the proposed appointment is a statutory requirement i.e. National Park, Fire Authority etc
- the proposed appointment would be consistent with the Council's policy or strategic objectives; and/or
- the proposed appointment would add value to the Council's activities.

As part of the review the Council may also wish to agree a method for representatives to report back on the work of each outside body.

In order to avoid any delay in the appointment of members to sit on the Outside Bodies, nominations have been sought from the Leaders of the political groups and these will be circulated for approval at the meeting.

DETAILED REPORT ATTACHED?

Appendix A - Current representation on outside bodies -
Appointments made by the Executive Board
Appendix B – WLGA Appointments to Outside Bodies: The Councillor's Role
Appendix C WLGA Members' Tool Kit

IMPLICATIONS

I confirm that other than those implications which have been agreed with the appropriate Directors / Heads of Service and are referred to in detail below, there are no other implications associated with this report :

Signed: **Linda Rees Jones**

Head of Administration and Law

Policy, Crime & Disorder and Equalities YES	Legal YES	Finance YES	ICT NONE	Risk Management Issues YES	Staffing Implications NONE	Physical Assets NONE
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Policy

Outside bodies are external organisations and partnerships which have requested that the County Council appoint an Elected Member to them. Participation in outside bodies:

- Contributes to the County Council's strategic functions, priorities or community leadership roles.
- Supports partnership and joint working.
- Enables Members to gain and share knowledge and expertise.

Legal

Appointments are made in accordance with the Council Constitution and requirements of Section 15 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989.

Finance

The Councillors' and Co-opted Members' Salaries and Allowances Scheme lists attendance by a Councillor at meetings of outside bodies to which the Councillor has been formally appointed or nominated by the Council as an approved duty.

Outside bodies may pay for Members' attendance at their meetings, in this case, the nominated Council representative may not claim from the Council.

Risk Management Issues

It is a matter for each outside body to ensure that suitable indemnity arrangements are in place for their representatives on all outside bodies. All outside bodies are asked to confirm that appropriate indemnity arrangements are in place.

CONSULTATIONS

I confirm that the appropriate consultations have taken in place and the outcomes are as detailed below

Signed: Linda Rees Jones

Head of Administration and Law

1. **Scrutiny Committee** Not applicable
2. **Local Member(s)** Not applicable
3. **Community / Town Council** Not Applicable
4. **Relevant Partners** Not applicable
5. **Staff Side Representatives and other Organisations** Not Applicable

Section 100D Local Government Act, 1972 – Access to Information

List of Background Papers used in the preparation of this report:

Title of Document	File Ref No.	Locations that the papers are available for public inspection
Member Appointments Committee		http://democracy.carmarthenshire.gov.wales/ieListMeetings.aspx?Committeeld=167