

CABINET

4TH JULY 2022

OUTSIDE BODY REPRESENTATION

Recommendations / key decisions required:

To appoint members to Cabinet outside bodies following the 2022 Local Government Elections and to introduce a 'reporting back' requirement.

Reasons:-

To put in place a list of those Outside Bodies (including partnerships) where Carmarthenshire County Council appoints a representative.

Relevant scrutiny committee to be consulted NO

Cabinet Decision Required YES

Council Decision Required YES

CABINET MEMBER PORTFOLIO HOLDER:- Cllr Darren Price (Leader)

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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OUTSIDE BODY REPRESENTATION

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 organisations and to in order to seek nominations from the political groups.

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 Cabinet where the work of the body relates to the functions of the Executive
- 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 the terms of office expire, or members resign. Nominations have normally been provided on the basis of matching the appointments with the roles of Cabinet 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.

Nominations for appointment together with guidance documents produced by the Welsh Local Government Association and a draft reporting back form are included within the report.

REPORT ATTACHED?

Appendix A - Nominations to Outside bodies appointed by Cabinet
Appendix B – WLGA Appointments to Outside Bodies: The Councillor's Role
Appendix C - WLGA Members' Tool Kit
Appendix D – Reporting Back draft form

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	Legal	Finance	ICT	Risk Management Issues	Staffing Implications	Physical Assets
YES	YES	YES	NONE	YES	NONE	NONE

Policy

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

CONSULTATIONS

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

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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

**CABINET MEMBER PORTFOLIO
HOLDER AWARE/CONSULTED**

YES

**Section 100D Local Government Act, 1972 – Access to Information
List of Background Papers used in the preparation of this report:
THERE ARE NONE**