



Report of Senior Governance and Scrutiny Support Officer

Report to Head of Democratic Services

Date: September 2020

Subject: Appointments to Outside Bodies – Morley Town Deal Board

Are specific electoral wards affected? If yes, name(s) of ward(s): Morley North; Morley South	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Has consultation been carried out?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Are there implications for equality and diversity and cohesion and integration?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Will the decision be open for call-in?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Does the report contain confidential or exempt information? If relevant, access to information procedure rule number: Appendix number:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

Summary

1. Main issues

- To seek approval for Elected Member appointments to be made to a new outside body – the Morley Town Deal Board.

2. Best Council Plan Implications (click [here](#) for the latest version of the Best Council Plan)

- The appointments adhere to the Council’s Appointments to Outside Bodies Procedure Rules and are in line with Council Policies; allowing appropriate representation to work with partners and the community to contribute to our city wide priorities.

3. Resource Implications

- There are no resource or value for money implications as a result of this report.

Recommendations – The Head of Democratic Services is requested to:

- a) Note the work undertaken so far; culminating in all party agreement to the designation of Morley Town Deal Board as “Strategic and Key” within the meaning of Outside Body Procedure Rule 3.1;

- b) Give approval to the appointment of Members to the three seats on Morley Town Deal Board as set out in paragraph 3.1 c) of this report;
- c) Note the designation of and appointments to Morley Town Deal Board will be reported to Member Management Committee in due course.

1. Purpose of this report

- 1.1 To seek approval for Elected Member appointments to be made to a new outside body – the Morley Town Deal Board.

2. Background information

- 2.1 On 18th March 2020, the [Executive Board](#) considered a report regarding the governance arrangements around the formation of a 'Town Deal Board' for Morley, which is required to support the development of a Town Investment Plan and a bid for up to £25 m of funding from government to support regeneration and economic development there.
- 2.2 The Executive Board report anticipated that the Morley Town Deal Board (MTD Board) will be considered a **Strategic and Key Partnership** – participation contributes to the Council's strategic functions, priorities and community leadership role.
- 2.3 The local authority has received a request to commence the process of securing three Member appointments to the Morley Town Deal Board (MTD Board) as a matter of urgency in order to progress the funding bid. The three appointments sought are in line with the MTD Board draft Terms of Reference and are proposed to be reserved to the Executive Member for Climate Change, Transport and Sustainable Development and one ward Member from each of the Morley North and South wards, which are the two wards covered by the Town Deal programme.
- 2.4 In accordance with the Appointments to Outside Bodies Procedure Rule (4.5) the City Solicitor has delegated authority to make an appointment where an organisation requires an appointment prior to the next meeting of the Member Management Committee, subject to this appointment being agreed by all Group Whips or their nominee.
- 2.5 The City Solicitor has sub delegated that authority to the Head of Democratic Services.
- 2.6 Any instances of this delegation being used are reported to the next meeting of the Member Management Committee.

3. Main issues

- 3.1 The Group Whips have been consulted on this matter, and confirmed the following proposals:
 - a) To accept the designation of Morley Town Deal Board as a Strategic and Key partnership as set out in the Outside Body Procedure Rules
 - b) To note the proposals for the three appointments to be reserved to the Executive Member for Climate Change, Transport and Sustainable Development and one ward Member from each of the Morley North and South wards; and

- c) To note the proposals for the following Councillor appointments
 - The relevant Executive Member, which is currently the Executive Member for Climate Change, Transport and Sustainable Development
 - Councillor A Hutchison (Morley North)
 - Councillor W Kidger (Morley South)
- d) To note the designation of and appointments to the Morley Town Deal Board will be reported to the next meeting of the Member Management Committee.

3.2 The appointments are required prior to the next meeting of the Member Management Committee. The Head of Democratic Services is requested to authorise the appointments as set out in paragraph 3.1 c) above.

4. Corporate considerations

4.1 Consultation and engagement

4.1.1 In accordance with Outside Body Procedure Rules 4.5 iii Group Whips have been consulted on the proposed arrangements and are supportive of them. The Members affected will be advised of these changes by the relevant Group Offices.

4.2 Equality and diversity / cohesion and integration

4.2.1 There are no equality and diversity or cohesion and integration implications as a result of this report.

4.3 Council policies and the Best Council Plan

- The appointment(s) adhere(s) to the Council's Appointments to Outside Bodies Procedure Rules and is/are in line with Council Policies; allowing appropriate representation to work with partners and the community to contribute to our city wide priorities.

Climate Emergency

4.3.1 Since this is a factual report detailing the appointment of Councillors to Outside Bodies there are no specific climate implications.

4.4 Resources, procurement and value for money

4.4.1 There are no resource or value for money implications as a result of this report.

4.5 Legal implications, access to information, and call-in

4.5.1 The Head of Democratic Services has authority to make appointments to Outside Bodies in accordance with the provisions outlined in paragraph 2 above, following the sub-delegation of such authority by the City Solicitor.

4.5.2 This report relates to a Council function and is therefore not eligible for call-in.

4.6 Risk management

4.6.1 There are no risk implications as a result of this report.

5. Conclusions

5.1 The appointments process outlined above is in line with the Council's Appointments to Outside Bodies Procedure Rules, Council Policies and Best Council Plan and will enable appropriate representation to be made in a timely manner.

5.2 The proposed appointments are in accordance with the Appointments to Outside Bodies Procedure Rules (4.5), and will be reported to the Member Management Committee through the schedule of appointments at a future meeting.

6. Recommendations

6.1 The Head of Democratic Services is requested to:

- d) Note the work undertaken so far; culminating in all party agreement to the designation of Morley Town Deal Board as "Strategic and Key" within the meaning of Outside Body Procedure Rule 3.1;
- e) Give approval to the appointment of Members to the three seats on Morley Town Deal Board as set out in paragraph 3.1 c) of this report;
- f) Note the designation of and appointments to Morley Town Deal Board will be reported to Member Management Committee in due course.

7. Background documents¹

7.1 None

¹ The background documents listed in this section are available to download from the council's website, unless they contain confidential or exempt information. The list of background documents does not include published works.