

Appointments to Outside Bodies – Morley Town Deal Fund Board

Date: 17th May 2021

Report of: Senior Governance and Scrutiny Support Officer

Report to: Head of Democratic Services

Will the decision be open for call in? Yes No

Does the report contain confidential or exempt information? Yes No

What is this report about?

Including how it contributes to the city's and council's ambitions

- This report seeks approval to change an existing Elected Member appointment to one Outside Body – the Morley Town Deal Fund Board
- The Conservative Group Whip has requested that in respect of the Morley Town Deal Fund Board, that Councillor Judith Elliott replace Councillor Wyn Kidger.
- The replacement appointment is required prior to the next meeting of the Member Management Committee which is yet to be scheduled.
- The Head of Democratic Services is requested to authorise the replacement appointment set out above.
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Recommendations – The Head of Democratic Services is requested to:

- a) Give approval to the change to the appointment of Members to the Morley Town Deal Fund Board, as set out in paragraph 1 of this report; and
- b) Note the appointment will be reported to Member Management Committee in due course

Why is the proposal being put forward?

- 1 The Conservative Group Whip has requested that in respect of the Morley Town Deal Fund Board, that Councillor Judith Elliott replace Councillor Wyn Kidger.
- 2 The replacement appointment is required prior to the next meeting of the Member Management Committee which is yet to be scheduled and the Board is due to meet a number of times in the coming months to progress the Morley Town Investment Plan.

What impact will this proposal have?

Wards affected: Morley South (and Morley North)

Have ward members been consulted? Yes No

- 3 The appointment will allow the Morley South ward to continue to be represented on the Morley Town Deal Fund Board.

What consultation and engagement has taken place?

- 4 The relevant Group Whip has requested that these changes be made and the Chair of the Morley Town Deal Fund Board has been consulted. The Member affected has been / will be advised of these changes by the Morley Borough Independent Group Office. The Chief Whip is also aware of the proposal.

What are the resource implications?

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

What are the legal implications?

- 6 In accordance with the Appointments to Outside Bodies Procedure Rules (4.6) the City Solicitor has delegated authority to make an appointment where a group whip is seeking to alter an appointment allocated to their group by Member Management Committee.
- 7 The City Solicitor has sub delegated such that authority to the Head of Democratic Services.
- 8 Any instances of this delegation being used are reported to the next meeting of the Member Management Committee.
- 9 This report relates to a Council function and is therefore not eligible for call-in.

What are the key risks and how are they being managed? N/A

Does this proposal support the council's three Key Pillars?

Inclusive Growth Health and Wellbeing Climate Emergency

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

Options, timescales and measuring success –

a) What other options were considered?

11 Appointments to Outside Bodies are made on annual basis by the Council's Member Management Committee, however no date has yet been set for a meeting of that Committee and as The Morley Town Deal Fund Board is in the process of considering the Morley Town Investment Plan, it is felt that the change to the Member appointment should not be delayed.

b) How will success be measured? N/A

c) What is the timetable for implementation?

12 Following receipt of the decision of the Head of Democratic Services, that decision shall be published and all parties notified as soon as practicable to ensure Councillor Elliott can assume her seat on the Board.

Appendices

13 DDN form

Background papers

14 None