

**Report of: City Solicitor**

**Report to: Inner North West Community Committee (Headingley & Hyde Park, Little London & Woodhouse and Weetwood)**

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**For decision**

## **Appointment to the Leeds Bradford Airport Consultative Committee**

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### **Purpose of report**

The purpose of this report is to invite the Inner North West Community Committee (INWCC) to make an appointment of one representative to the Leeds Bradford Airport Consultative Committee (LBACC) to fill a current vacancy and following the recent Member expression of interest exercise, in which Councillor Brooks and Councillor Howley were put forward.

### **Main issues**

1. Member Management Committee annually determines which Outside Bodies will be delegated to Community Committees for appointment.
2. Following a recent vacancy arising, the Inner North West Community Committee is invited to appointment 1 representative to the Leeds Bradford Airport Consultative Committee (LBACC) to fill that vacancy. Given that the next LBACC meeting is due to be held before the next scheduled meeting of the INWCC, with the agreement of the Chair, an Extraordinary meeting has been called in order to make this appointment.

### **Options**

3. The Community Committee is invited to determine the LBACC appointment. The Council's Appointments to Outside Bodies Procedure Rules can be made available to Members upon request, however a summary of the relevant rules can be found below.

4. The Community Committee should first consider whether it is appropriate for an appointment to be of a specific office holder<sup>1</sup> either by reference to the constitution of the outside body concerned (if available), or in the light of any other circumstances as determined by the Community Committee. Such appointments would then be offered on this basis.
5. Nominations will then be sought for the remaining places, having regard to trying to secure an overall allocation of places which reflects the proportion of Members from each Political Group on the Community Committee as a whole.
6. Appointments are subject to annual change unless otherwise stated within the constitution of the external organisation. An appointment (including in-year replacements) runs for the municipal year, ending at the next Annual Council Meeting.
7. A vacancy occurring during the municipal year will normally be referred to the Community Committee for an appointment to be made, having regard to the principles described above.
8. Community Committees may review the list of organisations to which they are asked to make appointments at any time and make recommendations to Member Management Committee.

## **Corporate considerations**

### **a. Consultation and engagement**

This report facilitates the necessary consultation and engagement with Community Committee Members in respect of appointments to Outside Bodies. Given that the Community Committee is the relevant appointing body, there is no requirement to undertake a public consultation exercise on such matters. At the request of the Chair, an expression of interest consultation exercise with Committee Members was undertaken prior to this Extraordinary meeting being convened.

### **b. Equality and diversity / cohesion and integration**

Council representation to Outside Bodies enable those appointed Members to act as a conduit in terms of promoting the Council's policies and priorities. As such, this would potentially include matters relating to equality, diversity, cohesion or integration.

### **c. Council policies and city priorities**

Council representation on, and engagement with those Outside Bodies, partnerships and organisations to which the Community Committee has authority to appoint, is in line with the Council's policies and priorities.

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<sup>1</sup> For example it may be considered necessary or otherwise appropriate to appoint a specific Ward Member

#### **d. Resources and value for money**

n/a

#### **e. Legal implications, access to information and call-in**

In line with the Council's Executive and Decision Making Procedure Rules, the power to Call In decisions does not extend to those decisions taken by Community Committees. If a Councillor is nominated to an Outside Body by the Council then that Councillor receives full indemnity from the Council. For example, should someone attempt to take action against a Councillor personally in their role as a Council appointed trustee/director of an Outside Body; then the Council would cover the cost of defending the action against that Councillor, and if the action were successful the Council would cover any compensation which the Councillor had to pay. The only exception to this is for "fraud, or other deliberate wrongdoing or recklessness". The indemnity applies to a company, trust, or charity and whether a Councillor is nominated as a director or trustee. If a Member has not been nominated by the Council, then the indemnity will not apply, and the Member should check that the trust, company etc. has got appropriate insurance cover for its trustees/directors.

#### **f. Risk management**

By not appointing to this particular Outside Body, there is a risk that the Council's designated representation on this organisation would not be fulfilled.

### **Conclusion**

7. The Community Committee is asked to consider and determine the appointment of one representative to the Leeds Bradford Airport Consultative Committee as detailed within the report, in order to fill a current vacancy which exists.

### **Recommendations**

8. The Committee is asked to consider and confirm an appointment of one representative to the Leeds Bradford Airport Consultative Committee in order to fill a current vacancy, whilst having regard to the Appointments to Outside Bodies Procedure Rules, as summarised in this report and also the outcomes from the Member expression of interest exercise.

### **Background information**

- **None**