



Leicester
City Council

WARDS AFFECTED
All Wards – Corporate Issue

FORWARD TIMETABLE OF CONSULTATION AND MEETINGS:
Cabinet

27 November 2006

Appointments to Outside Bodies

Report of the Corporate Director of Resources

1. Purpose of Report

To determine City Council representation on two Outside Bodies – HomeCome Ltd and Leicester Economic Action Project (LEAP).

2. Report

The City Council provides representation on a range of Outside Bodies.

In accordance with the Council's Constitution, the making or revocation of such appointments is, in connection with functions which are the responsibility of Cabinet, a Cabinet matter, and otherwise a matter for Council determination. Both Council and Cabinet have delegated this function to the Town Clerk, in consultation with the Group Whips.

In practice, the Town Clerk has exercised this delegation where there has been unanimity between the Group Whips. Where there has been a failure to agree, the matter has been brought to Cabinet (or Council) for determination.

There has been a failure to agree within the Whips Group on the City Council appointments to the following two Outside Bodies and these are, therefore, brought to the Cabinet for determination.

(i) HomeCome Ltd

Homecome Ltd is a not for profit limited company owned by its members. The members of Homecome are the City Council, Leicester Federation of Tenants Associations and the Leicestershire Chamber of Commerce. The City Council has 49% voting rights.

The City Council nominates one Director on the Board of Homecome Ltd. This is currently Councillor Metcalfe.

At a recent meeting of the Whips, Councillor Paul Smith, as Cabinet Lead for Housing, was nominated to replace Councillor Metcalfe as the Council's nominated Director on the Board of HomeCome. However, at that meeting there was a failure to agree on this nomination, and so the matter is brought to Cabinet for determination.

Cabinet is, therefore, asked to determine the Council's representation as a Director of the Board of HomeCome Ltd, to be effective from the Annual General Meeting on 27 November 2006.

It is a company requirement of HomeCome Ltd that every year two Directors retire and may seek re-election. This year the two Directors concerned are Ian Harkness, the Chairperson, and John Townsend. The Council's representative at the HomeCome AGM requires guidance on whether to support the re-election of the two Directors or not.

The Cabinet is asked to consider whether they are in agreement that the Council representative at the HomeCome AGM be instructed to support the re-election of Ian Harkness and John Townsend.

(ii) Leicester Economic Action Project (LEAP)

Following discussions between the Cabinet Lead for Regeneration (Councillor Scuplak) and staff from Regeneration and Culture, it was agreed that the Corporate Director of Regeneration and Culture should be nominated as Chair of the Leicester Economic Action Project (LEAP) with the Cabinet Lead for Regeneration nominated as Vice-Chair. These nominations were referred for consideration by the Whips but there was a failure to agree on the basis that, to date, it has been a senior Member, usually the Cabinet Member for Regeneration, nominated to chair the Leicester Economic Action Project.

Cabinet is, therefore, asked to determine the Council's representation as the Chair of the Leicester Economic Action project.

3. Recommendations

Cabinet is, therefore, asked to determine the City Council's nominations respectively for HomeCome Ltd and the Leicester Economic Action Project.

4. Financial, Legal and Other Implications

4.1. Financial Implications

None.

4.2. Legal Implications

Both these outside bodies, HomeCome and LEAP, deal with executive business so appointments are a matter for Cabinet for determination. (Peter Nicholls, Head of Legal Services).

4.3. Other Implications

OTHER IMPLICATIONS	YES/NO	Paragraph Within Supporting information	References
Equal Opportunities	No		
Policy	No		
Sustainable and Environmental	No		
Crime and Disorder	No		
Human Rights Act	No		
Elderly/People on Low Income	No		

5. Background Papers – Local Government Act 1972

Files of documentation relating to appointments to Outside Bodies.

6. Consultations

None

7. Report Author

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