



Leicester
City Council

WARDS AFFECTED
All Wards - Corporate Issue

FORWARD TIMETABLE OF CONSULTATION AND MEETINGS:
Cabinet

3 September 2007

Appointment to Outside Bodies

Report of the Corporate Director of Resources

1. Purpose of Report

To determine City Council representation on various Outside Bodies

2. Report

The City Council provides representation on a whole range of Outside Bodies. This may be for reasons which now lie in history, or because of the wide range of functions and activities with which the Council is involved, including increasingly in connection with partnership or because of its community leadership role.

The Local Government Act, 2000, introduced a new legal requirement for the Council to adopt an executive form of Constitution based on the principle that the Executive i.e. Cabinet is accountable for delivering the policies set by Council. Cabinet is responsible for day to day business. In fact the law states that all functions of the Local Authority are to be Cabinet functions unless specified/enabled by law to be a responsibility of Council.

The making and revocation of appointments in connection with Cabinet functions is the responsibility of Cabinet whereas the making and revocation of appointments in connection with Council functions is the responsibility of Council.

Both Council and Cabinet have delegated this function to the Town Clerk, in consultation with the Group Whips (where there is a failure to agree on a particular appointment between the Group Whips, the delegation is not exercised and the matter brought to Council or Cabinet, as appropriate, for determination).

Arising out of a Notice of Motion to Council in November 2006, Council on 25 January 2007 and Cabinet on 19 February 2007 noted the position as to whether Council or Cabinet is responsible for making and revoking appointments on each of the outside bodies on which the Council is currently represented.

The Whips, at their meeting on 26 July 2007, agreed a number of appointments to outside bodies, but in the following cases, which are Cabinet appointments, there was a failure to agree:-

(i) East Midlands Airport Independent Consultative Committee

One vacancy
 Nominations: Councillor Mugglestone
 Councillor Westley

(ii) Leicester Arts Centre

Two places (following reduction in membership from 4 to 2)
 Nominations: Councillor Connelly
 Councillor Mugglestone
 Councillor Shelton

(iii) Leicester and Leicestershire Groundwork Trust

One vacancy
 Nominations: Councillor Mugglestone
 Councillor Wann

3. Recommendations

Cabinet is asked to determine the Council's representation to each of the Outside Bodies (i) to (iii) listed above.

4. FINANCIAL, LEGAL AND OTHER IMPLICATIONS

4.1. Financial Implications

None.

4.2. Legal Implications

The legal implications are covered in the report (Peter Nicholls, Head of Legal Services)

5. Other Implications

OTHER IMPLICATIONS	YES/NO	Paragraph References Within Supporting information
Equal Opportunities	No	
Policy	Yes	Contained within the report
Sustainable and Environmental	No	
Crime and Disorder	No	

Human Rights Act	No	
Elderly/People on Low Income	No	

6. Background Papers – Local Government Act 1972

None.

7. Consultations

None.

8. Report Author

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DECISION STATUS

Key Decision	No
Reason	N/A
Appeared in Forward Plan	N/A
Executive or Council Decision	Executive (Cabinet)