

TITLE OF REPORT: **Appointments to Advisory Groups, Other Bodies of the Council, Joint Committees and Outside Bodies**

REPORT OF: **Mike Barker, Strategic Director, Corporate Services and Governance**

Purpose of the Report

1. The report sets out the nominations of the Labour and Liberal Democrat Groups to advisory groups, other bodies of the Council, joint committees and outside bodies. The report asks the Cabinet to consider the nominations.

Background

2. At the beginning of each municipal year, it is the practice to appoint councillors to various decision making bodies, partnerships, joint committees, outside bodies and youth and community organisations. The Council is responsible for making appointments to non-executive bodies such as the planning and development, licensing, regulatory and appeals committees and makes these appointments at the annual meeting.
3. In line with the constitution, the Cabinet has responsibility for all executive functions of the Council and therefore makes appointments to the advisory groups of the Cabinet and all other bodies of the Council which have executive functions.

Proposal

4. The Cabinet is asked to consider the nominations of the Labour and Liberal Democrat Groups. It may be necessary to make some changes to the nominations. Therefore, the Cabinet is also asked to agree that the Strategic Director, Corporate Services and Governance be authorised, following consultation with the Leader of the Council and/or Leader of the Opposition, to agree any further necessary changes to the list of annual appointments.

Recommendation

5. It is recommended that the Cabinet:
 - (i) agrees the nominations of the Labour and Liberal Democrat Groups; and
 - (ii) authorises the Strategic Director, Corporate Services and Governance, following consultation with the Leader of the Council and/or Leader of the Opposition, to agree any further necessary changes to the list of annual appointments.

For the following reasons:

- (i) To ensure that the views of the political groups are taken into account when the appointments are made.
- (ii) To ensure that the most appropriate councillors are appointed to each body.

Policy Context

1. The Council's constitution sets out the responsibility of the Cabinet for executive functions. The Cabinet is responsible for appointing members to advisory groups of the Cabinet, partnerships, other bodies of the Council, joint committees and authorities, outside bodies and youth and community organisations.

Background

2. Annual appointments are made to bodies which work with and for the benefit of the Borough's residents.

Consultation

3. Gateshead Council's Labour and Liberal Democrat Groups considered their nominations to the bodies to be appointed by the Cabinet.

Alternative Options

4. If the Council wishes to continue to be represented on the bodies listed in the attached appendices 2 and 3, then there are no viable alternative options.

Implications of Recommended Option

5. **Resources:**
 - a. **Financial Implications** - The Strategic Director, Corporate Resources confirms that there are no financial implications arising from the recommended option.
 - b. **Human Resources Implications** - There are no human resources implications.
 - c. **Property Implications** –There are no property implications
6. **Risk Management Implication** - There are no risk management implications arising from the recommended option.
7. **Equality and Diversity Implications** - Equality and diversity implications have been considered by the Groups in making their nominations.
8. **Crime and Disorder Implications** - There are no crime and disorder implications arising from the recommended option.
9. **Health Implications** - There are no health implications arising from the recommended option.
10. **Sustainability Implications** - There are no sustainability implications arising from the recommended option

11. **Human Rights Implications** - There are no human rights implications arising from the recommended option.
12. **Area and Ward Implications** – The Council makes appointments to bodies which are based in all areas and wards of the Borough thereby ensuring that the Council has an input into local groups as well as Borough wide organisations.

Background Information

13. All background papers relating to appointments are available on file ref LCS-DLDS-DS-A-006.