

9. MEMBER REPRESENTATION ON OUTSIDE BODIES (A.1155/RC)

Proposal

1 This report requests the appointment of Members to represent the Authority at meetings of various other organisations (Outside Bodies) and to agree proposals for streamlining the process for making future appointments.

2 RECOMMENDATION:

1. **That appointments be made to all of the Outside Bodies set out in Annex 1 of the report to expire at the Annual meeting in June 2008.**
2. **That attendance at meetings be an approved duty for the purpose of the payment of travelling and subsistence allowances.**
3. **That in the future before the Annual meeting Members are asked to state whether or not they wish to continue their appointments to Outside Bodies for a further year to enable vacancies to be identified. The Annual meeting will then only re-appoint to known vacancies.**
4. **That vacancies or new requests for Member appointments that occur during the year are reported to the Authority as and when necessary.**

Policy/Legal Background

3 At the Authority meeting held on 30 March a report was considered on the review of appointments to outside bodies, which were assessed and ranked high, medium and low for member involvement and also assessed against the National Park Management Plan outcomes. For some of the appointments it was agreed to withdraw Member representation, but continue Officer contacts. It was also agreed that proposals should be brought forward to streamline the process for making future appointments.

Key Issues

4 The Authority meeting on 30 March agreed to withdraw Member representation from the following outside bodies, whilst keeping officer contacts:

Local Government Association Rural Commission
Derbyshire Local Government Association
Derbyshire County Council Joint Advisory Committee
Trans-Pennine Rail Group (now dis-established)
National Stone Centre
Trans-Pennine Trail Member Advisory Steering Committee
Dove Stone Advisory Steering Committee
Council of Derbyshire Wildlife Trust
Derbyshire Tourism Forum (superceded by Destination Management Partnership)
Warslow Moors Estate Consultative Group
Peak District Rural Deprivation Forum: The Policy Development Group (now dis-established)
Caldwell's Mill Trust

5 These bodies have been withdrawn from the list of appointments and the officer contacts have been asked to make initial contact to explain why the Authority has withdrawn the Member representation and then a formal letter will be sent.

- 6 At the meeting on 30 March it was also noted that the following outside bodies were currently under review, the results of which may affect membership:
- Peak Park Transport Forum
Derwent Valley Rural Transport Partnership
Hope Valley and High Peak Transport Partnership
- 7 The review of the Peak Park Transport Forum has only recently commenced and a conclusion is not expected until the end of this year at the earliest. The review of the Transport Partnerships is also currently ongoing.
- 8 It is proposed that membership of the current Outside Bodies continue to the Annual meeting next year. However, the Authority's involvement in outside bodies will continue to be reviewed as part of the review of partnerships against the Partnerships Protocol agreed at the Audit & Performance Committee meeting held on 27 April 2007. An assessment of the need for continued Member involvement will use the methodology explained in the report to the Authority meeting on 30 March (Review of Membership on Outside Bodies).
- 9 In order to streamline the process of making future appointments, and as historically there have been few changes made at the annual meeting, it is proposed to ask Members in advance of the next annual meeting to state whether or not they wish to continue their appointments for a further year. This will enable vacancies to be identified and it is proposed that the meeting will only then need to appoint to these vacancies, if Members agree this change to the process.
- 10 It is also proposed that vacancies that occur during the year or new requests for Member representatives will be reported to the Authority for appointment as and when necessary.

APPENDIX

Background

- 1 The current list of appointments to Outside Bodies is shown in Annex 1. This is a report taken from the new Partnership database as Members' involvement in Outside Bodies has now been integrated as discussed at the March Authority meeting.

Resources

- 2 Members may claim travelling and subsistence for attendance at meetings to which they are appointed. In order to settle claims, which are checked by Auditors, Members are asked to ensure that they sign a record of attendance at all meetings. This will be the only means by which attendances are correlated.

Risk Management

- 3 There are no risks arising out of the proposals.

Human Rights, Equalities, Health & Safety

- 4 There are no implications arising out of the proposals.

Consultees

- 5 The Director of Corporate Resources and the Democratic Services Team Manager have been consulted on this report.

Enclosures

- 6 Annex 1. List of Outside Bodies.

List of Background Papers (not previously published)

- 7 None

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