

REPORT OF: HEAD OF LEGAL AND DEMOCRATIC SERVICES

TO: COUNCIL

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COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS OF REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES 2025/2026

PURPOSE OF REPORT

To provide Council with the opportunity to review (and amend where necessary) the Council appointments of representatives on outside bodies 2025/26 which were made at Annual Council on 15th May, 2025.

RECOMMENDATION

(1) That Council review (and amend where necessary) the Council appointments of representatives on outside bodies 2025/26.

(2) The Council resolves to suspend Council procedure rules - Paragraph 25.1 of the Council Rules of Procedure states (Suspension and Amendment of Council Procedure Rules) for this item to allow for any changes to representatives on Outside Bodies to be made.

REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION

Council is the appropriate body to make appointments to a number of Outside Bodies.

ISSUE

1. The purpose of this report is to provide Council with an update and seek Council's determination as to whether to make changes to several Outside Bodies appointments made at Annual Council 2025.
2. Members will recall at Annual Council, there was a short adjournment at the start of the Meeting to allow for discussions between political groups to seek nomination(s) for a Leader of the Council. Cllr David Whipp was subsequently elected the Leader of Pendle Borough Council and announced his Executive would comprise three other Liberal Democrat Members, three Independent Group Members and the Leader of the Conservative Group.

3. At the Executive meeting held of 29th May, 2025, the Leader of the Council announced that the Leader of the Conservative Group had declined a position on the Executive and confirmed the Executive would comprise four Liberal Democrat Members and three Independent Group Members. Executive Councillors names and portfolios were also announced.
4. At Annual Council, the Council appointments of representatives on outside bodies 2025/26 were not able to take account of Executive Member /portfolio appointments which had not been announced at that time.
5. The resultant change in political leadership (e.g. where the requirement was Leader and 1:1:1) from the main political groups for appointment to some outside bodies) has resulted in the Independent Group now having to lose 1 seat from these bodies to a Liberal Democrat Member).
6. In addition, some Outside Bodies were usually represented by the person who is appointed the Leader of the Council or relevant portfolio holder that covered that particular area of portfolio responsibility (For example: Cllr Z Ali was re-appointed as the Council's representative on the LCC Waste Partnership). Council is asked if it wishes to replace Cllr Ali with Cllr M. Iqbal who is now the Council's Executive Member /appointed portfolio holder with responsibility for this area of work.
7. The Council also at the Annual meeting agreed to appoint 1 x Cons; 1x Lib Dem and 1 x Independent Group member to the Pendle Leisure Trust Board. ((The 2024/25 appointees were Councillors M. Stone, D. Lord and M. Hanif respectively). Council is asked to formally confirm whether it wishes to reappoint the same members as last year on the PLT Board or change the nominated members.
8. Additionally, Council requested that in respect of the Pendle Leisure Trust (PLT) Board, whether a fourth Councillor (representing the Pendle True Independents Group) could also be included as a Member of the Board. This matter was followed up with the Chief Executive of PLT who has responded that the Board's articles of association and governance dictates that the Board (percentage) can only be made up to a maximum of three Councillors.
9. Paragraph 18 of the Council Rules of Procedure states paragraph 18.1 Motion to rescind a previous decision – A motion to rescind a decision made at a meeting of the Council within the past 6 months cannot be moved. The Council would therefore need to agree to resolve to suspend Council procedure rules - Paragraph 25.1 of the Council Rules of Procedure states (Suspension and Amendment of Council Procedure Rules) for this item to allow for any changes to representatives on Outside Bodies to be made.

IMPLICATIONS

Policy:

There are no policy implications set out in this report.

Financial:

There are no financial implications set out in the Overview and Scrutiny report.

Legal:

There are Constitutional processes arising directly from the recommendations of this report.

Risk Management:

There are no risk management implications issues arising directly from the recommendations of this report.

Health and Safety:

There are no health and safety issues arising directly from the recommendations of this report.

Climate Change:

There are no climate change issues arising directly from the recommendations of this report.

Community Safety:

There are no community safety issues arising directly from the recommendations of this report.

Equality and Diversity:

There are no equality and diversity issues arising directly from the recommendations of this report.

APPENDIX: List of Outside Bodies Appointments 2025/26**LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS**

15th May 2025 – Annual Council Representatives on Outside Bodies report and minute relating thereto.

Notes:

Paragraph 5 above: The Independent Group and liberal Democrat Groups has respectively removed one member and appoint one member as indicated in the appendix.

Paragraph 6 above: This is a Council decision as to whether to change the current appointee.

Paragraph 7 above: Lib Dem, Independent and Conservative Groups to determine whether to appoint the same members from their group that served in 2024/25.