

BARNSELY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

This matter is not a Key Decision within the Council's definition and has not been included in the relevant Forward Plan

**Report of the Assistant Chief
Executive (Legal & Governance)**

Appointment of Representatives to Outside Bodies

1. Purpose of Report

To recommend the appointment of representatives to: Environmental Protection UK; Shawlands Trust; Yorkshire Humber Pollution Advisory Council; and the Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education (SACRE).

To agree the appointment of the Environment, Development and Culture Spokesperson as the Council's representative on the South Yorkshire Forest Partnership Member Steering Committee.

Also, to agree, as far as Barnsley MBC is concerned, the appointment of Councillor Platts, Adults and Communities Spokesperson, to the Yorkshire and Humber Strategic Migration Group as a representative of the Sub Region.

2. Recommendations

- (i) that approval be given to the appointment of one member as a representative on Environmental Protection UK;**
- (ii) that approval be given to the appointment of two representatives as trustees to the Shawlands Trust;**
- (iii) that approval be given to the appointment of one member as a representative on the Yorkshire and Humber Pollution Advisory Council;**
- (iv) that approval be given to the appointment of a Member as a representative on the Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education (SACRE) to replace Councillor Hancock;**
- (iv) that approval be given to the appointment of the Environment, Development and Culture Spokesperson as the Council's representative on the South Yorkshire Forest Partnership Member Steering Committee; and**
- (v) that, in so far as Barnsley MBC is concerned, Councillor Platts, Adults and Communities Spokesperson, be appointed to the Yorkshire and Humber Strategic Migration Group as a representative of the Sub Region.**

3. Environmental Protection UK

3.1 Background

Environmental Protection UK is a national charity that provides expert policy analysis and advice on air quality, land quality, waste and noise and their affects on people and communities in terms of a wide range of issues including public health, planning, transport, energy and climate. Environmental Protection UK brings together policy makers, business, local authorities and academics to enable and foster successful partnership for environmental action. It works with and for UK National and devolved governments, local authorities, business, academics and the general public with relevant EU institution and national government organisations.

3.2 Current Position

The Council nominates three representatives to Environmental Protection UK. Our current nominees are Councillor Miller and Cheetham. There is a vacancy arising from the recent sad death of Councillor Wilde.

3.3 Proposal

It is proposed that approval be given to the appointment of one member as a representative on Environmental Protection UK.

4. Shawlands Trust

4.1 Background

The Shawlands Trust dates back to 1568. It supports charitable groups and also offers educational bursaries for individuals in Barnsley. Projects run by a charitable group must either be a Barnsley borough wide project or be based in the borders of the town of Barnsley as it was when the Trust was set up. There is the preference for projects benefitting young people, but not exclusively so. On average, grants are in the region of £500.

The Council nominates nine representatives to the Shawlands Trust. At the moment our current representatives are Councillors D. Birkinshaw, Burgess, M. Dyson, Hayward, Mitchell and T. Sheard; Mr. S. Henshaw, Mr. B. Swaine and Mr. M. Price.

4.2 Current Position

The Clerk to the Trust has written to the Authority advising that the terms of office of Councillor Dyson and Mr. Price will expire in October.

4.3 Proposal

It is proposed that approval be given to the appointment of two representatives as trustees to the Shawlands Trust for a three year term.

5. Yorkshire and Humber Pollution Advisory Council

5.1 Background

The Yorkshire and Humber Pollution Advisory Council deals with pollution issues in the region sharing and promoting best practice and providing appropriate guidance. It consists of 30 Local Authorities from Yorkshire, North Lincolnshire and surrounding regions and also includes other bodies such as the Environment Agency.

5.2 Current Position

The Council was previously represented on the Advisory Council by former Councillor Kyte.

5.3 Proposal

It is proposed that approval be given to the appointment of a representative to the Yorkshire and Humber Pollution Advisory Council.

6. The Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education (SACRE)

6.1 Background

The Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education (SACRE) is the statutory body for the oversight of religious education and collective worship, established in accordance with the requirements of the 1998 Education Reform Act.

The SACRE advises the Authority on such matters as they are referred to it. It is an independent body consisting of members from a broad cross section of people representing organisations with a specific interest in religious education and in the emphasis of spiritual and moral development through the whole school curriculum.

6.2 Current Position

The Council appoints 5 representatives to SACRE. Our current representatives are Councillors Shepherd, Wilson, Markham, Tracey Cheetham and vacancy.

A vacancy has arisen as a result of Councillor Hancock no longer attending meetings of SACRE.

6.3. Proposal

It is proposed that a Member be appointed to the SACRE to replace Councillor Hancock.

7. South Yorkshire Forest Partnership Member Steering Committee

7.1 Background

The South Yorkshire Forest Partnership (SYFP) is made up of Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council, Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council, Doncaster Metropolitan Borough Council, Sheffield City Council, the Forestry Commission and Natural England (the core partners) working with many other private, public and voluntary sector organisations.

SYFP brings together public, private and community organisations to realise major environmental and economic regeneration initiatives. Part of its vision is to create over 3,500 Ha of woodland by 2035. SYFP aims to improve and diversify the landscape in and around the towns and cities in South Yorkshire.

A Members Steering Committee has been established and will meet at least two times per year and more often as needed. Each local authority has one elected (Cabinet) member on the Committee and one officer. The Forestry Commission and Natural England will each have one officer on the Committee.

7.2 Current Position

Cabinet is requested to appoint the relevant Spokesperson as the Council's representative on the South Yorkshire Forest Partnership Member Steering Committee

7.3 Proposal

It is proposed that Cabinet agree the appointment of the Environment, Development and Culture Spokesperson as the Council's representative on the South Yorkshire Forest Partnership Member Steering Committee

8. Yorkshire and Humber Strategic Migration Group (SMG)

8.1 Background

The Strategic Migration Group (SMG) is the main Policy and Advisory Group of Migration Yorkshire. SMG provides strategic leadership and co-ordination for the region on migration issues – it is the place where local authorities, statutory agencies and the voluntary sector get together to discuss how migration in all of its forms impacts on our region.

The SMG consists of representatives of a number of agencies, including two representatives from each sub region.

8.2 Current Position

The South Yorkshire Local Authorities have agreed that the sub region's representatives on the SMG should be Councillor Platts (Barnsley MBC) and Councillor Jones (Doncaster MBC).

8.3 Proposal

It is proposed that, in so far as Barnsley MBC is concerned, Councillor Platts, Adults and Communities Spokesperson, be appointed to the Yorkshire and Humber SMG as a representative of the sub-region.

9. Financial Staffing and Crime and Disorder Implications

None.

10. Compatibility with European Convention and Human Rights

There are no implications relating to Human Rights Act arising from this report.

11. Background Papers

Documentation available for inspection in the Council Governance Unit, Corporate Services Directorate, Town Hall, Barnsley, tel. (01226) 773425.

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