

NEWCASTLE-UNDER-LYME BOROUGH COUNCIL

**EXECUTIVE MANAGEMENT TEAM'S
REPORT TO**

Council
19 May 2021

Report Title: External Roles and Appointments

Submitted by: Chief Executive

Portfolios: All

Ward(s) affected: All

Purpose of the Report

To note the position in respect of external roles and appointments.

Recommendation

That Council notes the position in respect of external roles and appointments.

Reasons

The Council, through full Council or the Cabinet, makes a variety of appointments to external positions within various third sector, partner and community organisations. Some of the appointments are automatic by virtue of a Councillor's Ward Member role. Some appointments are made annually, some for longer. Some positions qualify for an allowance, others do not. The purpose of this report is to bring together in one place a list and description of the various appointments for consideration by Council at each Annual meeting to ensure that appointments remain current, relevant and transparent.

1. **Background**

1.1 Members will be familiar with a report taken to each Annual Council dealing with appointments to "Outside Bodies". Appointments previously made were made up to 2022 to coincide with the electoral cycle. To ensure that the annual report captures appointments to roles as well as specific bodies, that it covers appointments made by Council and Cabinet, and that all appointments remain current, relevant and transparent, an updated list is presented to Council for information, with the intention that each subsequent Annual Council receives an update on the same, with a request to refresh appointments where necessary.

2. **Issues**

2.1 Whilst there are not currently any appointments to be made by Council, it is considered important that Council maintains visibility on the full range of external roles. Annual visibility of an updated list ensures transparency, but also ensures that members are clear about the roles they have been appointed to fulfil so that they are best able to attend any relevant meetings and represent the Council on the body or in the role in question, and provide a conduit back into the Council for issues arising externally. An outdated list can lead to missed opportunities for partnership working.

3. **Proposal**

3.1 The list of appointments to external roles as it is currently understood is shown in the appendix to this report. A number of enquiries are still active to make sure that this list is complete, and to ensure that the roles mentioned are still relevant and required. Members are invited to contact the Monitoring Officer separately if they feel any of the information in the appendix is inaccurate or incomplete.

3.2 There are no appointments to be made currently.

4. **Reasons for Proposed Solution**

4.1 To ensure that appointments remain current, relevant and transparent.

5. **Options Considered**

5.1 Not applicable

6. **Legal and Statutory Implications**

6.1 Not applicable

7. **Equality Impact Assessment**

7.1 Appointment to and active involvement in a number of these roles enables the Council and Councillors to influence positive outcomes in respect of its public sector equality duties.

8. **Financial and Resource Implications**

8.1 Not applicable

9. **Major Risks**

9.1 The main risk is the lost potential for enhanced partnership working if the Council and its Members are not aware of or able to actively participate in appointed outside roles.

10. **UN Sustainable Development Goals (UNSDG)**

10.1 Not directly relevant.

11. **Key Decision Information**

11.1 This is not a Key Decision

12. **Earlier Cabinet/Committee Resolutions**

12.1 Not Applicable

13. **List of Appendices**

13.1 List of current appointments to external roles

14. **Background Papers**

14.1 N/A