

OXFORD CITY COUNCIL
BOARD/COMMITTEE: Executive Board
Date of meeting: 13th June, 2005

Report of: Interim Legal and Democratic Services Business Manager

Title: APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES AND CHARITABLE TRUSTS

Wards: All

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Key Decision: No

Lead Member: Not Applicable

Scrutiny responsibility: Not Applicable

RECOMMENDATIONS

This report sets out the outside bodies to which the Board is asked to make appointments and RECOMMENDS it:-

- (a) to appoint representatives to the bodies listed in the Appendix to this report, and in so doing take consideration to the observations set out in paragraph 1.4 below;**
- (b) to appoint the Portfolio Holder for Crime and Community Safety to the Street Warden Steering Group;**
- (c) to appoint representatives to the:-**

Non-Ecclesiastical Charities of St. Mary Magdalen when Corinna Redman's appointment expires at the end of February, 2006;

Oxford Leon Trust to replace Stephen Brown whose appointment expired at the end of January, 2005, noting that the Liberal Democrat Group wishes to nominate Councillor Beer to fill this vacancy.

City of Oxford Charities when Mr. Jason Tomes' appointment expires at the end of December, 2005 and Councillor Christian's appointment expires at the end of March, 2006

1. Bodies to which the Board Appoints Representatives

- 1.4 The Appendix to this report details the outside bodies to which the Executive Board is invited to appoint representatives on behalf of the Council. It also shows who was appointed as the Council's representative(s) in 2004/05.
- 1.2 Councillors serve in one of two capacities, namely as a non-voting observer or a voting member. Appendix I indicates the capacity in which last year's representative(s) served on the body referred to.
- 1.4 The Members' Services Officer holds information setting out the aims of each organisation and the frequency of its meetings for the majority of the bodies to which the Board makes appointments. If Councillors require further information about an organisation they should contact the Members' Services Officer direct.
- 1.5 The Board is asked to note that:-
 - 1.5.5 the Community Legal Services Partnership for Oxford City has advised that Councillor Dan Paskins has had a lot of involvement with the Partnership during the past 6 months and asks the Council whether there is any chance of him being nominated as the Council's representative on that body;
 - 1.4.2 the Gatehouse has advised that the Council's representative has not attended meeting during the last 12 months;
 - 1.4.5 following the appointment of Councillor van Zyl to the Oxford Stage Company last year, the Company wrote to the Interim Legal and Democratic Services Business Manager saying they were confused by the appointment as the Oxford Stage Company no longer receives funding from the City Council. In the light of the Oxford Stage Company's comments the Board is asked whether it wishes to continue to nominate to this body;
 - 1.4.4 last year the Board agreed that Mr. Mohammed Abbasi should be replaced on the Oxford and Cherwell College Corporation by Councillor Price. On contacting the College the Interim Legal and Democratic Services Business Manager discovered that Mr. Abbasi's appointment was in fact for 4 years until 2007. The College's Instrument and Articles entitle him to continue his membership, even though he is no longer a member of the City Council. To change representation would require the resignation of Mr. Abbasi, who has shown no willingness to do this.

- 1.4.5 The Neighbourhood Renewal Business Manager has advised that the Street Warden Steering Group is expanding and is now funded by the City Council. They are requesting that the Portfolio Holder for Crime and Community Safety be appointed to this Group.

This Group started life as a sub-group of ATMOSPHERE, and consisted of officer delegates from the police, County and City Councils. Whilst the funding stream for the Wardens remained with Central Government, through GOSE and the ODMP, this was appropriate. However, delegates from OREC and the PCT have been seconded to the Group, and it is recognised that the City Council's funding of the Wardens now requires it to be represented on the Group.

The Board is asked to appoint the Portfolio Holder for Crime and Community Safety to the Street Warden Steering Group.

2. Charitable Trusts

- 2.1 Vacancies will occur on the following Charitable Trusts during the course of the 2005/06 Council Year:-

The Non-Ecclesiastical Charities of St. Mary Magdalen when Corinna Redman's appointment expires at the end of February, 2006;

City of Oxford Charities when Mr. Jason Tomes' appointment expires at the end of December, 2005 and Councillor Christian's appointment expires at the end of March, 2006

- 2.2 Stephen Brown's appointment on the Oxford Leon Trust expired at the end of January, 2005 and therefore a replacement Trustee is required on this charity. The Liberal Democrat Group wishes to nominate Councillor Beer to fill the vacancy.

- 2.3 Charitable trust appointments are for a four year period.

THIS REPORT HAS BEEN SEEN AND APPROVED BY:

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Background papers: None