

ISLE OF ANGLESEY COUNTY COUNCIL

MEETING:	COUNTY COUNCIL
DATE:	31 May 2017
TITLE OF REPORT:	Representation on Outside Bodies
REPORT BY:	Head of Democratic Services
PURPOSE OF REPORT:	To determine the Council's representation on Outside Bodies

1) **Introduction**

The appointment of Members to serve on outside bodies is a Local Choice function under the Local Authorities Executive Arrangements (Function and Responsibilities) (Wales) Regulations 2001 as amended.

Section 5.7 of the Constitution – (Political Management Protocols) - sets out the arrangements for appointments to outside bodies.

Prior to the May 2017 election, an exercise was undertaken by officers in consultation with Group Leaders to review the schedule of outside bodies.

There are basically two categories of appointments, namely those made by the Council (Appendix 1 – some appointments are made on the basis of political balance and this is noted in the schedule) and other outside bodies requiring Executive Membership - and such appointments are made by the Leader under delegated authority- (Appendix 2). There are also other Member roles representing particular interests and areas of responsibilities such as young people. These are described as Member Champion roles (sometimes called Lead Member) and are listed under the appointments made by the Leader. (See Appendix 2).

The appointment to outside bodies will normally be for a period of five years up to the date of the next local government election in May 2022 and subject to annual review by the Council and Executive [Section 5.8.4.2 of the Constitution refers]. Members will note that the frequency of meetings differ with some meetings held at least quarterly.

2) **Other Issues to this report**

Local Outside Bodies:

In relation to an outside body whose activities are confined to the ward the ward Councillor(s) will normally be appointed and agreed between the relevant ward Councillors.

The multi-member ward protocol adopted by the Council in March 2013, (which can be accessed on the Council's website) includes guidance on Member engagement with local representative groups e.g. community council meetings, local forums etc.).

School Governors

The Council's current representatives on school governing bodies will remain in place until 31 August 2017 including appointments to Shadow governing bodies and new appointments will take effect from 1 September, 2017. The Head of Learning will address this issue in consultation with Group Leaders having regard to the Council's overall size.

Consultation with Leader and Groups Leaders

As a result of this review, and in accordance with the political management protocol the attached schedule of outside bodies requiring Council approval will be discussed with the Leader and Group Leaders prior to confirmation by the Council at its adjourned meeting on the 31st May.

Reporting Arrangements

This is an area that needs addressing by the Council as part of its governance arrangements. Some authorities have established formal reporting arrangements to full Council or to a Scrutiny Committee whilst others include some information in annual reports - which has been the current practice here. It is recommended that the Democratic Services Committee be requested to consider the matter and report back to the Council.

3) Recommendations

1. Council to determine the Member(s) representatives to serve on the outside bodies listed in Appendix 1 only.
2. Where future modifications are required to the Council's representation on outside bodies, authority be given to the Chief Executive to undertake this task in consultation with Group Leaders.
3. In relation to the Council's representation on school governing bodies, authority be given to the Head of Learning in consultation with Group Leaders to make such appointments.
4. Democratic Services Committee to consider reporting arrangements and make recommendations to Council.

Head of Democratic Services Committee
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