



AGENDA ITEM: 6

CORPORATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

25 AUGUST 2004

**APPOINTMENT TO –
COMMITTEE - OUTSIDE BODIES**

**R G LONG:
(DIRECTOR OF LEGAL AND
DEMOCRATIC SERVICES)**

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1
- 2 To seek instructions regarding appointments to the Tees Valley Health Scrutiny Joint Committee and various Outside Bodies.

BACKGROUND

- 3 The Council at its annual meeting on 12 May 2004 made appointments and nominations to committees and to outside bodies that are regarded as either the responsibility of the Council or are considered as matters for local choice to be shared responsibilities with the Executive. Since that time several queries have been raised relating to:
 - changes to the political balance on the joint scrutiny committee
 - corrections to representation on a number of outside bodies
 - requests made by others for nominations
 - requests received from the Labour Group to make changes to their nominees.

PROPOSALS

- 4 Tees Valley Health Scrutiny Joint Committee
Representation on the joint scrutiny committee is made up of three representatives from each of the five Tees Valley authorities based on political balance. Following the Hartlepool Council elections and changes to membership of other political groups in Middlesbrough, Stockton and Redcar and Cleveland councils officers have reviewed the overall allocation of places. As a result, Middlesbrough's allocation

previously 3 Labour Members (Councillors Biswas, Dryden and Lancaster), should now be two Labour and one Conservative Member.

The Committee is asked to consider appropriate representation based on the revised political allocation.

Outside Bodies

4. Vacancies exist or nominations have been invited for places on the following bodies. The Committee is asked whether appointments should be made to the vacancies:

Dial A Ride (Middlesbrough) Ltd
Dorman Museum and Art Gallery Trust
St Mary's College Governing Body
North East Regional Environment Protection Advisory Committee –REPAC. (This is a new body established by the Association of North East Councils).
5. Council previously appointed Councillors Brady, J Jones and N J Walker to the Provincial Employers' Association (North East) and Councillor N J Walker to the Levick Trust. The Labour Group has now asked for a change to be made to their representation and that Councillor J A Jones replace Councillor Walker on the Provincial Employers' Association and that Councillor B Taylor replace Councillor N J Walker on the Levick Trust.
6. Middlesbrough Partnership's constitution entitles the Council to three places on its Board. Following the Mayor's resignation from the Board the Council appointed to all three places on the basis of 2 Executive nominations (Councillors Budd and Coppinger) and one Council nominee (Councillor B Taylor). The Council has now been advised that it should only appoint to two places as the third place was specifically allocated for the Mayor.
7. Similarly, three Members were appointed to the Middlesbrough CAB Management Committee. Councillor Mrs B Thompson (Executive) and Councillors Ferrier and J Jones (Council). The Bureau has now advised that the Council only have two places on the Management Committee. The Committee is therefore asked to determine which Members should represent the Authority.
8. The Schools Group on the School Organisation Committee is made up of 5 governor representatives. Regulations require that this group is made up of representatives of the Council's schools and that as far as possible representation should be in proportion to the number of pupils in each category of school: Primary, Secondary and Special schools. A balance should also be sought between the various categories of governors: LEA (but not elected Members), parents, co-opted, staff and headteachers.
9. A vacancy now exists in the primary school category following the removal of a parent governor representative for non-attendance. The

vacancy was advertised to all governors through the Governors' Gazette. An application for appointment has been received from Mr P McGrath, co-opted governor at Viewley Hill Primary School. Mr McGrath has been a governor at the school for two years and is Chair of Governors.

10. The Committee is asked to consider the application and determine whether to appoint to the vacancy. The term of office will be for three years.

11. The existing governors in the group are:

Primary – Mr I Bruce, (Minor Authority) St Bernadette's and Chandlers Ridge

Secondary: Mr G Jarrett (LEA) King's Manor and Mr D Adamson (Co-opted) Ormesby

Special: Mr T Glasper (LEA and Co-opted) Holmwood and Tollesby

Reasons

12. Appointments to the vacancies will ensure that the Council maintains its current involvement and promotes further links with key partners and agencies.

13. Consultation

Councillor P Thompson in his capacities as Leader of the Labour Group, Chair of the School Organisation Committee and Executive for Education and Councillor Brady, Deputy Mayor have been consulted on the proposals and support the nominations, where indicated.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

14. Attendance at meetings of the outside bodies indicated is authorised an approved duty within the Council's Scheme of Allowances.

RECOMMENDATIONS

15. (a) That Councillor J A Jones be appointed to the National Employers Organisation (North East) in place of Councillor N J Walker.

(b) That Councillor B Taylor be appointed to the Levick Trust in place of Councillor N J Walker.

(c) That Members determine its representation on the Middlesbrough Partnership and Middlesbrough CAB Management Committee.

(d) That Members determine whether to make appointments to vacancies on the following bodies:

Dial a Ride (Middlesbrough) Ltd

Dorman Museum and Art Gallery Trust

St Mary's College Governing Body

North East Regional Environment Protection Advisory Committee

- (e) That Mr P McGrath be appointed to the Schools Group on the School Organisation Committee.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

16. The following background papers were used in the preparation of this report:

Nomination Form – Governors' Gazette

Minutes of the Council Meeting - 12 May 2004

Letter from Association of North East Councils – 2 August 2004

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