



Council

22 January 2024

Subject: Revisions requested to an existing Outside Body appointments : -

- **Trustees of Gainsborough Education Charity**
- **Housing Health & Care Delivery Group.**
- **Health Scrutiny Committee for Lincolnshire**

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Purpose / Summary:

The report seeks to amend appointments previously made to Outside Bodies, the reasoning for the revisions is detailed within the body of the report.

RECOMMENDATION(S):

That:

- (a) Councillor Matthew Boles be appointed to the Trustees of Gainsborough Education Charity until Annual Council 2025 replacing Councillor David Dobbie;**
- (b) Councillor Jeanette McGhee be appointed to the Housing Health & Care Delivery Group, until Annual Council 2027 replacing Councillor Lesley Rollings; and**
- (c) a Member (and a nominated reserve) be appointed to serve on the Health Scrutiny Committee for Lincolnshire until Annual Council 2027 replacing Councillor Mrs Diana Rodgers.**

IMPLICATIONS

Legal:

It is the duty of Council to appoint to outside bodies, Working Groups and Boards .

The Health Scrutiny Committee for Lincolnshire is governed by the Local Authority (Public Health, Health and Wellbeing Boards and Health Scrutiny) Regulations 2013 - Regulation 31 requires any Member appointed to also sit on a scrutiny committee of their respective Council to qualify.

Financial : FIN/135/24/SL

Members are entitled to claim allowances for attendance at bodies and groups they have been formally appointed to. This can be met from within the existing budget.

Staffing :

None directly arising from this report

Equality and Diversity including Human Rights :

None directly arising from this report

Data Protection Implications :

None arising from this report.

Climate Related Risks and Opportunities :

There are no climate related risks from this report.

Section 17 Crime and Disorder Considerations :

None arising from this report.

Health Implications:

None arising from this report.

Title and Location of any Background Papers used in the preparation of this report:

Notification received from Administration

Risk Assessment : N/A

Call in and Urgency:

Is the decision one which Rule 14.7 of the Scrutiny Procedure Rules apply?

i.e. is the report exempt from being called in due to urgency (in consultation with C&I chairman)

Yes

No

Key Decision:

A matter which affects two or more wards, or has significant financial implications

Yes

No

1 Background

- 1.1 Council at its Annual Meeting appoints Members to a number of Boards, Groups and Outside Bodies.
- 1.2 Since Annual Council, in May 2023, correspondence have been received from the Secretariat to the Trustees of Gainsborough Education Charity, requesting that Council re-considered the appointment for logistical reasons (section 2).
- 1.3 Correspondence have also been received from the Deputy Leader of the Council requesting that her seat on the Housing Health and Care Delivery Group be transferred to another Member of her choosing (section 3).
- 1.4 Finally correspondence have been received from Councillor Mrs Diana Rodgers, requesting that her seat on the Health Scrutiny Committee for Lincolnshire be re-appointed to (section 4).
- 1.5 This report seeks to deal with making and amending appointments in respect of these Outside Bodies.

2. Re-Appointment to Trustees of Gainsborough Education Charity

- 2.1 Council at its Annual Meeting appointed Councillor David Dobbie to Trustees of Gainsborough Education Charity.
- 2.2 At the same meeting Council appointed Councillor Matthew Boles to the Trustees of the Francis Barker Trust and the Trustees of the WG Rose Memorial.
- 2.3 All three Bodies are co-ordinated through the same Secretariat and the meetings of the three trusteeships fall simultaneously to one another. Having different Councillors appointed across the three Boards does therefore create some logistical issues for the Secretariat.
- 2.4 Having spoken to the two effected Councillors, Councillor Dobbie has indicated he will step down from his appointment, allowing Councillor Boles to fulfil all three trustee appointments.
- 2.5 Council are therefore asked to appoint Councillor Matthew Boles to the **Trustees of Gainsborough Education Charity** until Annual Council in May 2025, replacing Councillor David Dobbie.

3. Re-Appointment to Housing Health and Care Delivery Group

- 3.1 Councillor Lesley Rollings, in her capacity as Chairman of Prosperous Communities Committee was appointed to the Housing Health and Care Delivery Group.

- 3.2 The position has traditionally been aligned to the Chairman within whose remit Housing and Health services sit, in accordance with the terms of reference set by the administrating body, Lincolnshire County Council
- 3.3 The Administration have requested that the position be transferred to a Member of their choosing, namely Councillor Jeanette McGhee.
- 3.4 Council have previously agreed that such Outside Body appointments are to be made on the following basis :
- i) In the first instance any Member with a specialist interest or expertise in the particular field of the Outside Body should be appointed (the appointment should not be party political),
 - ii) Failing this, where possible, appointments should be made geographically involving a local Ward Member.
 - iii) Where neither of these criteria can be met, any other Member should be appointed.
- 3.5 Councillor McGhee's role on the Overview and Scrutiny Committee, enables her to have oversight of Housing and Health matters, and Lincolnshire County Council have indicated it is a matter for the District Council to satisfy itself that they have appointed an appropriate member. Councillor McGhee also has experience of working in the sector, and has expressed an interest in picking up the duty, fulfilling criteria i) at 3.4 above.
- 3.6 Council are therefore requested to appoint Councillor Jeanette McGhee to the Housing Health and Care Delivery Group, on behalf of West Lindsey District Council, until Annual Council May 2027, replacing Councillor Lesley Rollings.

4. Re-Appointment to the Health Scrutiny Committee for Lincolnshire

- 4.1 Councillor Mrs Diana Rodgers was appointed to the Health Scrutiny Committee for Lincolnshire, but due to personal circumstances, has requested Council re-appoint to the Outside Body.
- 4.2 The position has traditionally been aligned to a Member who sits on our Overview and Scrutiny Committee, in accordance with the terms of reference set by the administrating body, Lincolnshire County Council.
- 4.3 Lincolnshire County Council have confirmed that any Member appointed must sit on a scrutiny committee of their respective Council to qualify. This is a requirement of Regulation 31 of the Health and Local Authority (Public Health, Health and Wellbeing Boards and Health Scrutiny) Regulations 2013.
- 4.4 The Committee meets 11 times per year at County Offices. The meetings are usually half day meetings commencing at 10am, however on occasion they may stretch into the afternoon, finishing at 3.30pm.

- 4.5 Both Groups have expressed an interest in holding this Outside Body and as such nominations will be sought on the night but must be from serving Members of West Lindsey District Council's Overview and Scrutiny Committee. The District Council is also afforded the opportunity to appoint a nominated reserve to this position.