

Westmorland and Furness Council

Report Title:	Appointments to Outside and Other Bodies
Meeting:	South Lakeland Locality Board
Meeting Date:	25 January 2024
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Lead Cabinet Member(s):	Not Applicable
Wards Affected:	All
PUBLIC, PART EXEMPT OR FULLY EXEMPT	Public
List of Appendices (if any)	Appendix 1 – Appointments to Outside and Other Bodies at previous South Lakeland Locality Board Meetings

1. Executive Summary

- 1.1 Full Council at its meeting on the 20th April 2023 granted approval and delegated authority to the South Lakeland Locality Board to make a number of appointments to outside bodies within the local area's boundaries.
- 1.2 Cabinet at its meeting on the 24th April 2023 proposed that the Locality Board make a number of appointments to other bodies.
- 1.3 The South Lakeland Locality Board at its three meetings held since May 2023 has made a number of appointments to outside bodies and other bodies which are set out at Appendix 1 to the report for information purposes only.
- 1.4 The South Lakeland Locality Board are being asked to appoint three Members to the Windermere School Endowment.

2. Recommendation

For the reasons set out in this report, it is recommended that the South Lakeland Locality Board:-

- 2.1 notes the report and appoints three Members from its membership to the Windermere School Endowment.

3. Information: the Rationale and Evidence

Background

- 3.1 The South Lakeland Locality Board are being asked to appoint three Members to the Windermere School Endowment.
- 3.2 The appointed Members will act as Governors and will be required to attend two meetings per year and will be consulted by email on some matters throughout the year.
- 3.3 The term of appointment will be three years.

4. Link to Council Plan Priorities: (People, Climate, Communities, Economy and Culture, Customers, Workforce)

- 4.1 This report links to the people, economy and culture, and communities council plan priorities, by proposing continued Council engagement with various outside bodies and stakeholders within the local area.

5. Consultation Outcomes (with services, ward councillors & public consultation where required)

- 5.1 There are no consultation outcomes.

6. Alternative Options Considered

- 6.1 The Locality Board could decide not to appoint Members or not to appoint three Members to the Windermere School Endowment, however this option is not recommended as these appointments are relevant and representative of the Council's priorities.

7. Financial Implications and risk

- 7.1** There are no direct financial consequences of the decision to appoint members to outside bodies. Any relevant membership or subscription costs are already included within the annual revenue budget approved by Council on 7 March 2023. Where members are authorised to claim expenses they will be in accordance with the member allowances scheme which is to be approved as part of the Council agenda today.

8. Legal & Governance Implications

- 8.1** Appointment to an outside body can take various forms, dependent upon the exact legal status of the organisation, and members should seek advice if they are unclear as to their individual role and responsibilities. In particular, Members should seek legal advice from the Chief Legal and Monitoring Officer where there is any concern that a situation may arise where there might be a conflict or issue with an interest arising from their involvement with an outside body.
- 8.2** Members should ensure that they act in accordance with the rules, constitution or framework set by the outside body and in accordance with the Council's Member Code of Conduct, and/or any similar Code of Conduct which the outside body requires the member to abide by.
- 8.3** Members are reminded of the need to register their appointment to an outside body as an "Other Registerable Interest" under the Councils' Member Code of Conduct.
- 8.4** Under the Locality Boards Terms of Reference within the Constitution at Part 2 – Section 5: Functions of Committees 14.12.1(c), the Locality Board has the authority to nominate to the membership of Outside Bodies within the locality, including to Local Authority School Governors, as may be referred by Council or the Cabinet. Members have a responsibility to establish and maintain those relationships.

9. Human Resources Implications

9.1 There are no human resources implications resulting from this report.

10. Equality & Diversity Implications (including the public sector equality duty, Armed Forces Families, Care Leavers and Health inequalities implications)

10.1 None

11. Background Information & Sources (used in preparation of this Report)

11.1 Full Council Meeting – 20th April 2023

11.2 Cabinet Meeting – 24th April 2023

11.3 South Lakeland Locality Board Meeting – 10th May 2023

11.4 South Lakeland Locality Board Meeting – 18th July 2023

11.5 South Lakeland Locality Board Meeting – 18th October 2023

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