Authority Representation

Recommendation

That the following be determined for the remainder of the 2009/10 Municipal Year:

1. An additional representative be appointed to the Board of Bidston Methane Limited;
2. An additional Member be appointed to the Audit and Governance Committee;
3. Members further consider the nomination of a Liverpool Member to answer questions at their Council proceedings on the discharge of functions of this Authority, in accordance with Section 41 of the Local Government Act 1985; and
4. Representation on the Liverpool City Region Environment and Waste Board be considered.

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# Purpose of the Report

* 1. To seek various nominations for the remainder of the 2009/10 Municipal Year arising from a change in membership of the Authority and also a request received on behalf of the Liverpool City Region Environment and Waste Board.

# Background

* 1. The Authority considers the membership of its committees and determines Member representation on certain boards at its Annual Meeting each year.
	2. The appointment of Members was made for the 2009/10 Municipal Year at the Authority’s Annual Meeting held on 26th June 2009.
	3. At that meeting, however, the nomination of a Liverpool Member to answer questions at their own council proceedings on the discharge of this Authority’s functions was not made.
	4. Where there is a change in membership during the Municipal Year, the Authority must review its appointments where vacancies arise as these are not automatically transferred to the existing Member’s replacement.

# Change in Membership

* 1. Liverpool City Council notified the Authority of a new appointment on 16th October 2009. Councillor Tim Moore has been appointed to the Authority to replace Councillor Ann O’Byrne.
	2. The appointment is subject to one month’s notice and therefore took effect on 16th November 2009.
	3. This change in membership has resulted in a number of vacancies in terms of the Authority’s representation as follows:
		+ Audit and Governance Committee (additional Member required in addition to Councillors Tattersall, Lonergan and Gardiner)
		+ Board of Bidston Methane Limited (additional Member required in addition to Councillors Crowther and Gardiner)
	4. Members are also reminded that the Authority failed to nominate a Liverpool Councillor to answer questions on the discharge of functions in accordance with Section 41 of the Local Government Act 1985. Members may therefore wish to consider making a nomination now.

# Liverpool City Region Environment and Waste Board

* 1. The Director has received a formal request from Stephen Maddox, Wirral Chief Executive Officer, requesting that the Authority nominate a representative to sit on the Environment and Waste Board as proposed by the Liverpool City Region.
	2. The proposed terms of reference of the board include developing a programme of priorities to improve the sustainability and the environmental performance of the Liverpool City Region and to champion key environmental issues across the region.
	3. The composition of the board is likely to consist of a number of Elected Members and other senior representatives from a variety of organisations including this Authority.
	4. The proposal does not indicate whether or not the Authority’s appointment should be at a Member or officer level and the Authority therefore needs to consider what level of representation would be appropriate.
	5. If Members are minded to appoint an officer then the Director would be the most appropriate nomination. Alternatively, the Authority may wish to appoint a Member and therefore nominations would need to be considered at this meeting.

# Risk Implications

* 1. The appointment of committees and representation on other bodies is a requirement of the Authority’s Procedural Rules and therefore failure to do so would be in breach of those rules.

# HR Implications

* 1. There are no HR implications associated with this report.

# Environmental Implications

* 1. There are no environmental implications associated with this report.

# Financial Implications

* 1. There are no financial implications associated with this report.

# Conclusion

* 1. Members are asked to consider nominations for the appointment of a Member to the Audit and Governance Committee, the Board of Bidston Methane Limited and of a Liverpool Member to answer questions on the discharge of functions.
	2. Members are also asked to consider the level of representation on the Liverpool City Region Environment and Waste Board.

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