

Decision under Delegated Powers

Outside Body Appointments 2018/19

Officer Requesting Decision

Democratic Services Manager

Officer Making the Decision

Director Corporate Services

Recommendation

That Councillor Vardy be appointed as the Council's representative on a new outside body called the Intelligent Energy Charitable Trust.

Reason

Intelligent Energy, a fuel cell engineering company based at the Loughborough Science Park, has set up the Intelligent Energy Charitable Trust. The Trust will launch in January 2019 and the Trust fund will total £100,000. The Trust will meet four times a year to consider applications from local people/organisations.

Authority for Decision

The Council's Constitution provides delegated authority for the Head of Strategic Support to receive nominations and to make appointments as appropriate to outside bodies, including partnership bodies, charities and management committees, where vacancies arise or other changes to representation are required, following Cabinet's annual consideration of appointments in consultation with the Leader (item 5 on page 8-32).

Furthermore Cabinet on 10th May 2018 (minute no. 134 2017/18 refers) resolved that the Head of Strategic Support be given delegated authority, in consultation with the Lead Member for Strategic Support and the relevant Group Leader where appropriate to make appointments when new bodies are identified to which the Council can make appointments.

Decision and Date

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Background

The Cabinet has responsibility for the Local Choice function of nominating to outside bodies and charitable organisations. Nominations are considered at the beginning of each Council year and are one of the ways by which local elected members and the Council can work in partnership with voluntary and community groups and other statutory and public bodies.

For 2018/19 appointments were made by the Cabinet on 10th May 2018 (minute 134 2017/18 refers).

The Intelligent Energy Trust is a new body that will launch in January 2019 and authority has been delegated to the Head of Strategic Support to make appointments when new bodies are identified to which the Council can make appointments.

Both the Leader and the Lead Member for Strategic Support have been consulted on this appointment and confirm that they are content for Councillor Vardy to sit on this Trust.

Financial Implications

There are no additional financial costs relating to these appointments as any expenses claimed would be payable from budgets approved for the remainder of the 2018/19 Council year.

Risk Management

Risk Identified	Likelihood	Impact	Risk Management Actions Planned
The number of Council appointments/members on an outside body results in that body becoming local authority controlled.	Unlikely	Minor	Where there is a likelihood that membership of an outside body may result in establishing a local authority controlled company then appointments should be made on an observer basis only.

Key Decision: No

Background Papers: Cabinet 10th May 2018, item 11, Appointments to Outside Bodies and Charitable Organisations 2017/18, and minute 134.

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