

TOURISM, COMMUNITIES, CULTURE AND LEISURE COMMITTEE

16 JUNE 2021

REPORT TITLE:	APPOINTMENT OF STATUTORY / ADVISORY COMMITTEES AND WORKING PARTIES 2021/2022
REPORT OF:	DIRECTOR OF LAW AND GOVERNANCE

REPORT SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to enable the Tourism, Communities, Culture and Leisure Committee to review the continuing need for various advisory committees and to appoint Members and named deputies to serve on those that are to be retained in 2021/2022.

RECOMMENDATION/S

The Committee is requested to authorise the Monitoring Officer as proper officer to carry out the wishes of the Group Leaders in allocating Members to membership of the Birkenhead Park Advisory Committee, and Hilbre Island Nature Reserve Management Committee, and to appoint those Members with effect from the date at which the proper officer is advised of the names of such Members.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

1.0 REASON/S FOR RECOMMENDATION/S

- 1.1 The Committee is required to appoint the membership of various advisory committees which fall under its remit at the start of each Municipal Year.

2.0 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

Birkenhead Park Management Committee

- 2.1 For the Birkenhead Park Management Committee, which is an advisory Committee called a Management Committee, potential options which the Committee could investigate, and potential consequences, include:
- 2.1.1 Not include Members on the Birkenhead Park Advisory Committee, but in view of the target of achieving World Heritage Status the involvement of Councillors is vital to ensure that the Council's aspirations as well as other Committee members are taken into account. Officers also value the link back to the Council to explore options on practical and strategic matters, and find the meetings provide a good steering group, sounding board and forum for open debate and exploration of barriers and opportunities. Having Councillors on the Advisory Committee can help resolve problems generally and with the potential lottery bid.
- 2.1.2 To vary the numbers or composition of Members. That is a decision to be made by this Committee and would then require a change to the Council's Constitution. Officers appreciate Members bringing their local knowledge and contacts as well as experience of the wider heritage sector.

Hilbre Island Nature Reserve Management Committee

- 2.2 For the Hilbre Island Nature Reserve Management Committee, potential options which the Committee could investigate, and potential consequences, include:
- 2.2.1 Not being involved in the Committee, although it does provide an opportunity for stakeholders to meet to discuss issues regarding the island.
- 2.2.2 Not include Members on the Committee, although the inclusion of Members allows the Committee to ensure that any developments are in line with the wider aims of the Council.
- 2.2.3 To vary the numbers of Members. That is a decision to be made by this Committee and would then require a change to the Council's Constitution.

3.0 ADVISORY COMMITTEES AND WORKING PARTIES

3.1 The following is a list of advisory and consultative bodies that were retained or created in 2020/2021 to assist the Committee in its work, with the membership for 2020/2021 for information.

(i). Birkenhead Park Advisory Committee

3.1.1 To advise the Council on all issues relating to and affecting Birkenhead Park. Comprised of Members, the Friends of Birkenhead Park group and some other interested individuals.

2020/2021 membership:
Councillor George Davies
Councillor Jean Stapleton
Councillor Helen Cameron
Councillor Andy Corkhill
Councillor Pat Cleary

(ii). Hilbre Island Nature Reserve Management Committee

3.1.2 To manage the nature reserve and to make appropriate recommendations for its preservation and maintenance. It usually met every 3-4 times a year before the COVID pandemic but has not met since. It is formed of key stakeholders and Councillors.

2020/2021 membership:
Councillor Christina Muspratt
Councillor Jerry Williams
Councillor Tony Cox
Councillor Jeff Green
Councillor Andrew Hodson
Councillor Alison Wright
Councillor Allan Brame
Councillor Andy Corkhill

4.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

4.1 There are none arising directly from this report.

5.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

5.1 There is a requirement under the Council's Constitution to appoint Members to various panels, advisory committees and working parties which fall within the remit of each Committee. The meeting of full Council on 26 May resolved to delegate responsibility for this to individual Committees.

6.0 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: ICT; STAFFING AND ASSETS

- 6.1 There are none arising directly from this report as the Forum is arranged and serviced using existing staff resources.
- 6.2 If any of the options in section 2 were progressed this may increase the resource implications.

7.0 RELEVANT RISKS

- 7.1 As these are non-statutory meetings, no risks have been identified from the recommendation. If other options were pursued there was a possibility that the work of the meetings would not be in line with the wider aims of this Committee and the Council.

8.0 ENGAGEMENT / CONSULTATION

- 8.1 It is for political groups to decide how they wish to allocate their committee places.

9.0 EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

- 9.1 Wirral Council has a legal requirement to make sure its policies, and the way it carries out its work, do not discriminate against anyone. An Equality Impact Assessment is a tool to help council services identify steps they can take to ensure equality for anyone who might be affected by a particular policy, decision or activity.

There are none arising directly from this report.

10.0 ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE IMPLICATIONS

- 10.1 There are none arising directly from this report.

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APPENDICES

None.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

Previous reports on the appointment of panels, statutory / advisory committees and working parties and amendments made during the year and the Council's Constitution.

SUBJECT HISTORY (last 3 years)

Council Meeting	Date
Council (APPOINTMENTS AND NOMINATIONS TO OTHER BODIES AND ORGANISATIONS)	28 September 2020
Council (APPOINTMENT OF PANELS, STATUTORY / ADVISORY COMMITTEES AND WORKING PARTIES; AND MISCELLANEOUS APPOINTMENTS 2019 / 2020)	14 May 2019
Council (APPOINTMENTS TO STATUTORY AND ADVISORY COMMITTEES, WORKING PARTIES AND PANELS 2018/19)	15 May 2018