



TOURISM, COMMUNITIES, CULTURE AND LEISURE COMMITTEE

Thursday, 22 June 2023

REPORT TITLE:	APPOINTMENT TO BIRKENHEAD PARK MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
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 the Birkenhead Park Advisory Committee and to appoint Members and named deputies to serve on those for the 2023/24 municipal year.

This report contributes to the Safe and Pleasant Communities Wirral Plan 2021-26 Priority

The report effects the Birkenhead and Tranmere Ward. Is it not a key decision.

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 to appoint those Members in accordance with the rules on political balance ,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

- 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.

3.0 ADVISORY COMMITTEES AND WORKING PARTIES

- 3.1 Birkenhead Park Management Committee is an advisory and consultative body that was retained in 2022/23 to assist the Committee in its work, with the membership for 2022/23 for information. The Committee is comprised of 5 Members (2 Labour, 1 Conservative, 1 Green, 1 Liberal Democrat).

(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.

2022/23 membership:

Councillor Gill Wood
Councillor George Davies
Councillor Allan Brame
Councillor Pat Cleary
Councillor Helen Cameron

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.

6.0 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: ICT; STAFFING AND ASSETS

6.1 There are none arising directly from this report as the management committee 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.

10.0 ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE IMPLICATIONS

10.1 There are none arising directly from this report.

11.0 COMMUNITY WEALTH IMPLICATIONS

11.1 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
Tourism Communities Culture and Leisure Committee	16 June 2022
Tourism Communities Culture and Leisure Committee	16 June 2021
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