

ABERDEEN CITY COUNCIL

COMMITTEE	Council
DATE	5 th March 2018
REPORT TITLE	Outside Bodies
REPORT NUMBER	CG/18/033
CHIEF OFFICER	Chief Officer - Governance
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1. PURPOSE OF REPORT:-

To seek appointments to outside bodies with unfilled positions for Council representatives and to approve one change to an existing appointment.

2. RECOMMENDATION(S)

Council is recommended to:-

- 1) Approve the appointment of Cllr Lumsden as the Council's representative on Opportunity North East Ltd (ONE); and
- 2) Consider appointing members to the vacant positions on the following bodies:-
 - (i) Aberdeen International Youth festival (four vacancies);
 - (ii) Mitchell's Hospital Trust (one vacancy); and
 - (iii) Robb's Trust (one vacancy).

3. BACKGROUND

3.1 Following the elections in May, 2017, the Council made a number of appointments to outside bodies on the basis of places being allocated on a proportionate basis between Administration and Opposition Groups. A number of places remain unfilled as follows:-

3.1.1 Aberdeen International Youth Festival (AIYF) – four members, two Administration and two Opposition, are required to be appointed. The Board is presently inquorate as it requires three Council Trustees, including one as chair. The Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator (OSCR) is currently investigating the Trust and has asked if the Council intends to fill any vacancies at

this meeting. The Chair of the Trust has indicated that the Trustees have written to OSCR regarding the future of the Trust. The Council will continue funding AIYF in accordance with existing arrangements on the appointment of sufficient members.

3.1.2 Mitchell's Hospital Trust – Aberdeen University has indicated that it wishes to wind up this Trust and has asked that the Council fill the current vacancy, which has been allocated to an Opposition member.

3.1.3 Robb's Trust – The Council has been asked to fill the outstanding vacancy on this Trust, which has been allocated to an Opposition member.

3.2 Opportunity North East - The Council is at present represented on Opportunity North East Ltd (ONE) by Cllr Laing, as one of the Co Leaders, and the Administration has indicated that it wishes to change this to Cllr Lumsden.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

4.1 There are no direct financial implications arising from the recommendations of this report.

5. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

5.1 There are no direct legal implications arising from the recommendations of this report.

6. MANAGEMENT OF RISK

6.1 Financial - There are no financial risks to the Council as a result of filling vacant positions on outside bodies.

6.2 Employee - There are no risks to any Council employee.

6.3 Customer / citizen - There are no risks to any Council customer or citizen as a result of this report, although there will be wider impacts on those who benefit from the work of any trust should it be wound up.

6.4 Environmental - there are no environmental impacts as a result of this report.

6.5 Technological - There are no technological impacts as a result of this report.

6.6 Legal - There are no legal implications as a result of this report. Potential nominees should be aware that, as set out in the Policy on Appointments of Elected Members to Outside Bodies, the Council's insurance cover does not extend to members acting in a decision making capacity on trusts.

6.7 Reputational - There is likely to be a reputational impact should AIYF be wound up as a result of the failure on the part of the Council to appoint sufficient members to enable quorate meetings to be held. This, however, could be overcome if OSCR were to change the provisions of the trust deed to remove the requirement for councillors to sit on the Board.

7. IMPACT SECTION

7.1 Economy - There is no direct economic impact as a result of this report.

7.2 People - There is no direct impact on people as a result of this report, though where any trust is wound up, previous beneficiaries would be affected.

7.3 Place – There may be an impact under this category should the AIYF be wound up by OSCR given its position in the local arts calendar. The Council has committed to funding other events to celebrate the Year of Young People locally.

7.4 Technology – There are no technological impacts as a result of this report.

8. BACKGROUND PAPERS

There are no background papers.

9. APPENDICES (if applicable)

There are no appendices to this report.

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