



Cabinet Meeting

22 October 2014

Report title	Appointments to Outside Bodies	
Decision designation	AMBER	
Cabinet member with lead responsibility	Councillor Roger Lawrence Leader of the Council	
Key decision	No	
In forward plan	No	
Wards affected	None	
Accountable director	Keith Ireland, Delivery	
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Report to be/has been considered by	N/A	

Recommendation(s) for action or decision:

The Cabinet is recommended to:

Appoint Cllr Daniel Warren as the Council's representative on the Sandwell Youth Employment Commission in place of Cllr Julie Hodgkiss.

1.0 Purpose

- 1.1 To appoint Cllr Daniel Warren as the Council's representative on the Sandwell Youth Employment Commission.

2.0 Background

- 2.1 In June 2014 Sandwell Council invited the Council to nominate a councillor to represent Wolverhampton on a new Youth Employment Commission they had established.
- 2.2 The Commission was set up in direct response to the fact that the level of unemployment amongst young people in Sandwell, and the surrounding areas, has been identified as a significant challenge, and one that needs to be addressed if we are to see continuous improvement in the economy of the Black Country and provide better prospects for young people in the area.
- 2.3 In accordance with the aims and objectives of Sandwell Council, and in partnership with partner agencies and representatives from the Black Country boroughs, the overall aim of the Youth Employment Commission is to review Council and wider partnership approach to delivering outcomes in relation to Youth Employment. In order to do so, the Commission will:-
- (a) explore the issues around youth unemployment within the Borough, working with public sector organisations, the business community, schools, colleges, young people's groups and any other interested parties to develop an understanding of the reasons for the levels of youth unemployment, its implications now and for the future, and what can be done to improve the situation for young people seeking employment and entering work;
 - (b) explore the perceptions of local businesses (predominately Small and Medium Enterprises) around youth employment and their expectations of the agencies involved in reducing youth unemployment;
 - (c) identify how the Council may use its strategic role to influence and encourage the improvement and development of the approach to youth unemployment by working closely with the relevant agencies and organisations and local businesses to improve employment prospects for young people.
- 2.4 It was anticipated that the Commission will not only need to undertake initial investigation and drive the establishment of outcomes but to then continue to embed and monitor its impacts over a period of at least two years.
- 2.4 At its meeting on 24 July 2013 Cabinet appointed Cllr Julie Hodgkiss as its representative on the Sandwell Youth Employment Commission. At the time it was anticipated that the work of the commission would take two years to complete and that the appointment would run for the life of the commission.

2.5 Sandwell Council has asked the Council to confirm its appointment onto the commission for a further year. Cabinet is recommended to appoint Cllr Daniel Warren in place of Cllr Julie Hodgkiss as the Council's representative to serve on the commission.

3.0 Financial implications

3.1 There are no financial implications associated with the recommendation in this report.
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4.0 Legal implications

4.1 There are no legal implications contained in the recommendations of the report.
[RB/09102014/X]

5.0 Equalities implications

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

6.0 Environmental implications

6.1 There are no environmental implications arising from the recommendations of this report.

7.0 Human resources implications

7.1 None

8.0 Corporate landlord implications

8.1 There are no corporate landlord implications arising from the recommendations of this report.

9.0 Schedule of background papers

9.1 Report to Cabinet – 23 July – Appointment to Outside Bodies