

REPORT TO: Cabinet

DATE: 30 September 2010

SUBJECT: Representation on the North Western Shadow Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authority

WARDS AFFECTED: All

REPORT OF: Assistant Chief Executive

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EXEMPT/CONFIDENTIAL: No

PURPOSE/SUMMARY:

To consider the appointment of the Council's representatives to serve on the new North Western Shadow Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authority with effect from 1 October, 2010.

REASON WHY DECISION REQUIRED:

The new Regional body will be established from 1 October 2010 and the Cabinet has delegated powers to appoint the Council's representatives to serve on Outside Bodies.

RECOMMENDATION(S):

The Cabinet is requested to:

1. appoint Councillor Glover as the Council's Member representative on the new North Western Shadow Inshore and Fisheries and Conservation Authority.
2. appoint the Environmental and Technical Services Director as the Council's officer contact for the Authority and to be an observer and substitute representative, if necessary at meetings of the Authority.

KEY DECISION: No

FORWARD PLAN: Not appropriate

IMPLEMENTATION DATE: Following the expiry of the "call-in" period for the Minutes of this meeting.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS:

There are no alternative options other than not to appoint representatives.

IMPLICATIONS:

Budget/Policy Framework: Not appropriate

Financial: None arising from this report.

Legal: None arising from this report.

Risk Assessment: Not appropriate.

Asset Management: Not appropriate

CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN/VIEWS

The Environmental and Technical Services Director has been consulted.

CORPORATE OBJECTIVE MONITORING:

<u>Corporate Objective</u>		<u>Positive Impact</u>	<u>Neutral Impact</u>	<u>Negative Impact</u>
1	Creating a Learning Community		√	
2	Creating Safe Communities		√	
3	Jobs and Prosperity		√	
4	Improving Health and Well-Being		√	
5	Environmental Sustainability	√		
6	Creating Inclusive Communities		√	
7	Improving the Quality of Council Services and Strengthening local Democracy	√		
8	Children and Young People		√	

LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS RELIED UPON IN THE PREPARATION OF THIS REPORT

Letter from Chief Executive of the North West Sea Fisheries Committee.

1. Introduction

- 1.1 The Cabinet has delegated authority in the Council Constitution to appoint Council representatives to serve on Outside Bodies. The Cabinet at its meeting held on 20 May 2010 reaffirmed the appointment of Councillor Glover and one Labour Member, to be nominated, to be the Council's representatives on the North West Sea Fisheries Committee (SFC).
- 1.2 The North West Sea Fisheries Committee is a statutory body which reports to the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs. It is responsible for the management and regulation of all inshore sea fisheries out to six nautical miles from the Wirral Peninsular to the Duddon Estuary.

2. North Western Shadow Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authority

- 2.1 The new Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authorities (IFCAs) are to be established by the Department for Environment, Fisheries and Rural Affairs in England on 1 April 2011 to replace the current Sea Fisheries Committees and Sefton Council will have 1 seat on the new North Western IFCA.
- 2.2 A shadow IFCA will be set up for the period 1 October 2010 to 31 March 2011 to operate in parallel with the SFC, and meetings of the shadow IFCA will need to be held prior to 1 April 2011 in order to consider and agree the budget and business plan for the new IFCA. The first meeting of the shadow IFCA will be held on Tuesday 2 November 2010 and the Council's representation at that meeting needs to be determined.
- 2.3 The Chief Executive of the SFC has recommended that where possible, Councillors who have served on the SFC should transfer to the IFCA in order to preserve knowledge and continuity. He has also indicated that it would be helpful if the Council could nominate an officer contact who would be able to assist and advise the member representative with the delivery of IFCA business and who could attend IFCA meetings as an observer or deputy representative if necessary.
- 2.4 Councillor Glover has indicated that he would be willing to continue as the Council's representative on the new body and it is recommended that the Environmental and Technical Services Director be appointed as the Council's officer contact and to be an observer and substitute representative if necessary at meetings of the IFCA.