APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES – PIPER EDUCATION TRUST

1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1.1 This report asks members to reaffirm the Copeland Local Committee appointment to act as a nominate trustee on the Piper Educational Trust.

2.0 STRATEGIC PLANNING AND EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS

2.1 Attendance at meetings of an outside body is an approved duty in terms of Councillor entitlement to claim traveling allowances.

3.0 RECOMMENDATION

3.1 That members agree to reaffirm the nomination of Mrs W Skillicorn to act as the Copeland Local Committee nominated trustee of the Piper Educational Trust.

3.2 Members note that this appointment would be added to the list of appointments to outside bodies to be made by Copeland Local Committee following the elections in May 2017.

4.0 BACKGROUND

4.1 The Piper Educational Trust is a body which helps young people under the age of 25 in need of financial assistance who are, or whose parents are, residents in the Borough of Whitehaven, as constituted at 3 November 1920 and who have at any time attended school in the area.

4.2 The trust is administered by Copeland Borough Council and governed by up to five trustees. Copeland Borough Council and Cumbria County Council appoint one trustee each with the trustees able to co-opt up to three further trustees.
4.3 Appointments for both nominated and co-opted trustees last for 4 years.

4.4 There have been few applications for grants in recent years and none in the past four years, despite press releases and letters being sent to schools in the area of benefit. This is because the area of benefit is quite restrictive and to qualify for a grant a person must fulfil all the objectives of the Trust.

4.5 The last meeting of the Piper Educational Trust was on 23rd February 2012.

4.6 The nominated Trustees were June Pickering (Copeland Borough Council) and Wendy Skillicorn (Cumbria County Council) and the co-opted Trustees were Ronnie Calvin, Muriel Dinning and Ann Bradshaw. June Pickering has died, the County Council did not re-appoint Wendy Skillicorn by omission, and the appointments of the co-opted trustees, Ann Bradshaw, Muriel Dinning and Ronnie Calvin have expired.

4.7 The County Council should have reappointed Mrs Skillicorn after the last election, when the Appointments to Outside Bodies report was considered on 28 June 2013. However, this was missed off the list in error.

4.8 Wendy Skillicorn has been very active in promoting the Piper Educational Trust and has now identified potential applicants for grants. There is therefore a need to get the trust reconstituted and operational again.

5.0 OPTIONS

5.1 Members could choose to reaffirm their appointment to the Piper Educational Trust, or could choose not to make a nomination.

6.0 RESOURCE AND VALUE FOR MONEY IMPLICATIONS

6.1 There are no direct resource or value for money implications.

7.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

7.1 Under Part 2D of the Constitution 2.4 (t)provides that apart from Local Strategic Partnerships or bodies fulfilling that role, Local Committee can make appointments to outside bodies not dealt with by the Council or the Cabinet.

8.0 CONCLUSION

8.1 Members are asked to reaffirm the appointment of Mrs W Skillicorn and to note that this body would be added to the list of Appointments to Outside Bodies to be agreed following the elections in May 2017.

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APPENDICES

None

Electoral Division(s): All Whitehaven Divisions

* Please remove whichever option is not applicable

Executive Decision

Key Decision

If a Key Decision, is the proposal published in the current Forward Plan?

Is the decision exempt from call-in on grounds of urgency?

If exempt from call-in, has the agreement of the Chair of the relevant Overview and Scrutiny Committee been sought or obtained?

Has this matter been considered by Overview and Scrutiny?
If so, give details below.

Has an environmental or sustainability impact assessment been undertaken?

Has an equality impact assessment been undertaken?

N.B. If an executive decision is made, then a decision cannot be implemented until the expiry of the eighth working day after the date of the meeting – unless the decision is urgent and exempt from call-in and necessary approvals have been obtained.

PREVIOUS RELEVANT COUNCIL OR EXECUTIVE DECISIONS [including Local Committees]

Copeland Local Committee 19 December 2008.

CONSIDERATION BY OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY

Not considered by Overview and Scrutiny

BACKGROUND PAPERS

No background papers

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