

Report to: Cabinet

Subject: Nominations to Outside Bodies

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1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

To inform Members of:

- a) a request for a nomination to the East Midlands Councils and three of its subsidiary boards.
- b) the requirement to renew the Council's representation on the Local Government Association's Urban and Rural Commissions.

2. BACKGROUND

2.1 **East Midlands Councils** is the consultative forum for local authorities in the region. It provides support to Councils to improve their services and is a strong voice nationally for the East Midlands. Councillor W.J Clarke, Leader of the Council, has been invited to represent Gedling Borough Council on the East Midlands Councils and on the following subsidiary boards:

- **The Regional Employers Board**
- **The European and International Sounding Board**

Councillor Clarke has also been nominated as a substitute member of the **East Midlands Improvement and Efficiency Partnership**, a further subsidiary organisation of the East Midlands Councils.

2.2 **The Local Government Association (LGA)** provides forums for member authorities with a specific interest in both Rural and Urban affairs. Owing to the Borough's geographical composition, Gedling Borough Council is invited to nominate two representatives to sit on both the Rural

Commission and the Urban Commission. Representation on the Commissions can take the form of two Councillor representatives or one Councillor and one Officer representative.

In previous years, Councillor Clarke has been the sole representative on the Commissions.

3. PROPOSAL

3.1 The Labour Group Business Manager has proposed that Councillor W.J Clarke be nominated to represent the Council on the board of the East Midlands Councils and the subsidiary boards listed above.

3.2 That Councillor M R Payne be appointed as the Council's second representative on both the Local Government Association Rural and Urban Commission.

4. RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that:

- i) members approve the nomination of Councillor W.J Clarke to the East Midlands Councils board, and to the following subsidiary boards:
 - The Regional Employers Board
 - The European and International Sounding Board;
- ii) and also approve his nomination as a substitute member of the East Midlands Improvement and Efficiency Partnership.
- iii) members approve Councillor M R Payne's appointment to the Local Government Association Rural and Urban Commissions.