

CAMBRIDGE CITY COUNCIL
Record of Executive Decision

APPOINTMENT TO AN OUTSIDE BODY

Decision of: Councillor Reid, The Leader

Reference:

Date of decision: 28 June 2010 **Recorded on:**

Decision Type: Non Key Decision

Matter for Decision: To appoint Dr Alan Baker to the County Council Advisory Group on Local Studies and Archives (Terms of Reference attached)

Why the decision had to be made (and any alternative options): Alan Baker attended the last County Advisory Group on Archives and Local Studies in March (it meets twice a year) whilst still a city councillor - the appointment was made by the then Leader in the knowledge of his interest in, and knowledge of, archives and his concerns that the City Council could improve its archive practice. The appointment was not renewed in the May Scrutiny Committee meetings which covers annual appointments.

The Advisory Group on Archives and Local Studies was not appointed to in 2007 as a result of a corporate review of outside bodies, which went to the September S&R Scrutiny Committee and was approved by the Leader, which set new criteria for agreeing which formal councillor appointments should be made to ensure the number of appointments made were manageable and focused. However, the Council's Information Manager now advises that a city council representative would be of benefit to the Council (no officer representation is permitted on this body) as it looks at the issues of records management and archives and this area is developing. This appointment is appropriate under the following criteria of the Council's Policy on appointments:
1) the Council is a member (ie. we chose to opt out in 2007)
2) it is in the interests for the Council to be a member.

The Council has appointed non-councillors to outside bodies in the past and Dr Baker will be requested to feedback to the Ex Cllr CS&R and spokes and the Council's Information Manager on any matters directly related to the city council following each meeting.

The next meeting of the Advisory Group is on Thursday 1st July and the Leader was asked to make this decision out of the usual cycle so that Dr Baker could attend in a formal rather than informal capacity.

The Executive Councillor's decision(s): To appoint Dr Alan Baker to the County Council Advisory Group on Archives and Local Studies.

Reasons for the decision: As detailed above.

Scrutiny consideration:	The Chair and Spokesperson of Strategy and Resources Scrutiny Committee were advised of the Leader's decision.
Report:	N/a
Conflicts of interest:	-
Comments:	Cllr McGovern was copied in to the decision as in future this appointment should sit within the CS&R portfolio which covers the Council's information management.