

9. BERTELSMANN AWARD FUND – APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEE

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. This report is to seek approval for the membership of a committee to prepare a recommendation for the Council on how to utilise the Bertelsmann Award Funds.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. In August 2004 the Council considered a report about the future of the Bertelsmann Fund and resolved *"that the incoming Council convene a small committee of elected members and staff to review the two Bertelsmann Funds and recommend a scheme that will utilise those funds in the most beneficial way for both staff and elected members, with a strategic focus on professional development for the recipients."*
3. The Executive Team have suggested that the Bob Lineham and Philippa Jones be the staff representatives on this committee.
4. A number of Councillors have expressed an interest in having access to the funds for personal development, or have done so in the past and it is therefore preferable that Councillor members of the committee be able to be independent from such an interest, but still understand the desires of the Council.
5. The author has consulted with the Deputy Mayor on possible members of the committee and it is recommended that Councillors Evans and Withers be the Council appointees.
6. The committee's role will be to recommend terms of reference for utilisation of the fund back to the Council.

FINANCIAL AND LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

7. These will be considered, if necessary, in the committee's report back to the Council in due course.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Council:

- (a) Approve the appointment of Councillors Evans and Withers and Philippa Jones and Bob Lineham to the Bertelsmann Award Fund Committee to prepare a recommendation to Council on the Fund.