

**KENNET DISTRICT COUNCIL
CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S GROUP**

**Overview & Scrutiny Management Board
11th July 2006**

**Report Number C/17/06
Membership of outside Bodies Scrutiny**

Report by Councillor P Winchcombe – Chairman of the scrutiny task group

1.0 Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 To report back to Members the findings of the Membership of outside bodies scrutiny task group.

2.0 Financial, Staffing, Legal & Risk Implications

- 2.1 There are no staffing, financial, risk or legal implications arising out of this report.

3.0 Progress

- 3.1 Councillors Jenny Combe, Paula Winchcombe and Nigel Carter were appointed to this task group. Initial meetings were held and a questionnaire devised which was sent to all members of outside bodies as listed in the member year book.
- 3.2 The group has subsequently met to review the responses and identified some outside bodies where member representation is no longer relevant to the council. A number of areas were also identified for further investigation to clarify the role of the outside body and the council's representation on it and officers and members were invited to clarify the role of the outside body.
- 3.3 Early findings made it clear that there is a need for a periodic review of the outside bodies and this had not been done for some years. It was also clear that the appointments were based on historic reasons and therefore there was sometimes no rationale for the current membership. The task group therefore looked to see if some criteria could be established to formally review membership and establish a set of criteria for future use. In establishing such criteria the task group looked to good practise established in other authorities and also criteria to suit Kennet's local circumstances. The task group then applied this to the current outside bodies and identified a number of bodies that it would recommend that the council ceases to nominate member representation for.

- 3.4 There are a number of areas emerging where at this stage a view could not be taken on whether to appoint a member representative because new roles, responsibilities and partnership arrangements were emerging. The task group thus considered that these should be monitored and reviewed once new arrangements were known.
- 3.5 The task group also noted a number of gaps where although there was formal member representation, no official nomination took place and therefore it was considered that member representation to these bodies should also be formally appointed.

4.0 Findings

- 4.1 Attached with this report is a detailed list of findings and the recommendations arising from this are detailed at 4.2.

4.2 Table of recommendations

Recommend for deletion from the list	Recommend a future report on their status to committee	Recommend addition to the list
Kennet Action for Single Homeless	Wiltshire Wigglybus Standing Advisory Group	Devizes Area Fora
East Kennet Community Transport Committee	Devizes & District Youth & Community Committee	Marlborough Area Fora
Wiltshire Victoria County History Committee	Marlborough & District Youth & Community Committee	South East Kennet Area Fora
Council of the Wiltshire Archaeological & Natural History Society	Tidworth Garrison Youth Work	Pewsey Area For a (currently part of Pewsey Community Area Partnership)
Arts Museum Council South West	South West Tourism Consultative Committee	Wiltshire Compact
Wiltshire Arts Development Forum	South East & Southern Tourism Board	
Local Authority Forum on the Management of World Heritage sites	Pewsey Sports Centre Joint Management Committee	
Wiltshire Arts Development Forum	Avebury World Heritage Site Management Working Party.	
Community Forest Group	Devizes Development Partnership	
Marlborough Arts Facilities Working Group	Marlborough Development Trust	
South West Sports Forum	Tidworth Development Trust	
ROOM	Pewsey Development Trust	
Bite it – invest to save – Tidworth		
Joint Structure Plan Working Party		
Great Western Commerce & Enterprise		
Pewsey Vale Quiet Lanes Strategy Project		
Wiltshire & Swindon Smartplace project		
Marlborough Fire Forum		
South Wessex Area Environment Group		

South Wessex Waste minimisation group		
Devizes Town Centre working party		
Joint county district transport group		

Recommendations

IT IS THEREFORE RECOMMENDED THAT; the Board

- i) Recommends to the council the adoption of the criteria and process for membership on outside bodies, listed in annex a.
- ii) Recommends to the council the findings outlined at 4.2 for additions/deletions and or future reports.

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