

IMPLEMENTATION EXECUTIVE
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APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES

Executive Summary

Following the move to one council the appointments to outside bodies by the previous five councils have been reviewed.

This is a good opportunity to rationalise those appointments and review their continuing relevance to the new Council

It is also a good opportunity to review the way these appointments are made.

Proposal

- 1. To agree the renewal of those appointments set out in Schedule 1 to this report and to approve those appointments being authorised by those bodies/persons listed.**
- 2. To agree not to renew those appointments listed in Schedule 2.**
- 3. To agree that appointments may be made to bodies in Schedule 3 if there is a need for Council representation.**

Reason for Proposal

To ensure that the new Council has appropriate representation on outside bodies.

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Purpose of Report

1. To review and rationalise the appointments to outside bodies for the new Council.

Background

2. Discussions have taken place with the former district councils and a schedule of appointments to outside bodies has been prepared.
3. All outside bodies have been contacted and asked whether they would wish to have continued representation from the new council and if so how many representatives they would like.

Main Considerations for the Implementation Executive

4. Following these actions
 - Some organisations have responded and have confirmed that they would like continued representation for the new council and these are set out in Schedule 1 attached. We have tried where possible to give members some indication of the purpose of the outside body so that members can consider the relevance of the organisation to the new Council.
 - Some organisations have responded, or we have been informed by the former district council, that representation is no longer needed – these are cases where the organisation is being or has been wound up. These can be found in Schedule 2.
 - The organisations set out in Schedule 3 have not responded. This maybe because the organisation is no longer in being or that we have the wrong contact details. Further work may be required in this area.
5. Members may be able to add information that we have not received which may change the status of these bodies i.e. moving them from one schedule to another as appropriate.
6. In the past the different councils would have had different ways of appointing members to outside bodies. Some former district councils would have taken these appointments to the full council. In the past the County Council has agreed these appointments through Group Leaders or for the more strategic appointments, through the Cabinet.
7. The new Council now has the additional option of asking Area Boards to make some appointments. It is suggested that for all but the most strategic of appointments or where the appointment covers a wider geographical area, that

most appointments are made via the Area Boards so that there is some local element to the appointment and relationship with the Area Board.

8. Schedule 1 suggests the method of appointment and members are asked to agree this.

Environmental Impact of the Proposal

None

Equality and Diversity Impact of the Proposal

None

Financial Implications

There are no financial implications arising from the appointment of members to outside bodies other than the normal travelling expenses of members

Legal Implications

This issue of member liability whilst serving on outside bodies is dealt with in the Member Officer Relations protocol which is being considered elsewhere on this agenda by the IE.

Conclusion

Members are asked to rationalise and review the appointments to outside bodies.

Background Papers

None

Appendices

Schedules 1 -3