

Royal Wootton Bassett and Cricklade Area Board 26 June 2024

Appointments of Representatives 2024/25

1. Purpose of the Report

- 1.1. To appoint Councillor representatives for the Area Board. This will include appointing to Outside Bodies and to reconstitute and appoint to any Non-Priority Working Groups and the LHFIG for the year 2024/25.

2. Background

- 2.1. Area Boards are invited to appoint Councillors to be their respective lead for particular Outside Bodies, Non-Priority Working Groups and the LHFIG. The following guiding principles are in place for Councillors when taking on one of these roles:
 - To be the main Area Board point of contact for local Officers within their respective area
 - To attend (and often Chair) relevant working groups of the Area Board
 - To work collaboratively with relevant local partners and community groups
 - To provide regular updates back to the Area Board in relation to their Group/Outside-Body including providing feedback on the success or limitations of previously funded Area Board grants (if applicable)
- 2.2. The Area Board is invited to appoint Councillor representatives to the Outside Bodies or Non-Priority Groups (which do not fall under one of the Area Board Priority areas) listed at **Appendix A**. These appointments will continue for the duration of Councillors' terms of office, and will be reviewed annually, unless the Board determines otherwise.

3. Main Considerations

- 3.1. The Local Highways and Footpath Improvement Group ([LHFIG](#)) operates as an informal working group making recommendations to the Area Board for approval. Terms of Reference are set out in **Appendix B** for information. The Area Board are invited to appoint a Lead Councillor on an annual basis.
- 3.2. Any amendments to the currently appointed Representatives on Non-Priority Working Groups can be agreed by the Area Board here or at any future scheduled business meeting.
- 3.3. If a new Non-Priority Working group is required, the Strategic Engagement & Partnerships Manager will work with the Board to set out the exact purpose and Membership, which would then be agreed by the Area Board at its next scheduled business meeting.

4. Financial and Resource Implications

4.1. None.

5. Legal Implications

5.1. Some appointments carry responsibilities and duties, for example, those which involve becoming a trustee. Councillors are advised to seek advice on individual appointments if required. [Protocol 3](#) of the Council's Constitution sets out Guidance to Members on Outside Bodies.

6. Safeguarding Implications

6.1 Processes are in place to ensure Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) checks are undertaken as appropriate.

7. Environmental Impact of the Proposals

7.1 None.

8. Equality and Diversity Implications

8.1 None.

9. Delegation

9.1 By convention, appointments to Outside Bodies which operate within the boundary of a community area are made by the relevant Area Board.

9.2 The appointment of Councillors and other representatives to Non-Priority working groups operating under the Area Board is a matter for the Area Board to determine.

10. Recommendation

10.1 The Area Board is requested to:

- a. Appoint Members as Lead representatives to Outside Bodies and any Non-Priority Working Groups as set out at Appendix A;
 - b. To appoint a Lead representative for the LHFIG;
 - c. Note the Terms of Reference as set out in Appendix B.
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Appendices:

Appendix A – Appointments to any Outside Bodies and Non-Priority Working Groups
Appendix B –LHFIG Terms of Reference

Unpublished background documents relied upon in the preparation of this report

None.