

Individual Decision

The attached report will be taken as
Individual Portfolio Member Decision on:

Thursday, 4th July, 2013

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Individual Executive Member Decision

Title of Report:	Amendments to Outside Body Appointments
Report to be considered by:	Individual Executive Member Decision
Date on which Decision is to be taken:	04 July 2013
Forward Plan Ref:	ID2694

Purpose of Report: To consider nominations for representatives on a range of Outside Bodies as set out in the table contained in paragraph 1.3.

Recommended Action: To agree the Council's representatives on the Outside Bodies set out in the table in paragraph 1.3.

Reason for decision to be taken: To ensure that the Council is represented on the outside organisations.
The introduction of the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 ('the Act') introduced new structural arrangements for national policing, strategic police decision making, neighbourhood policing and police accountability.

Other options considered: None

Key background documentation: None

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Implications

- Policy:** Appointments will be made in accordance with Part 13 Appendix J (Protocol for Council Representation on Outside Bodies) of the Council's Constitution
- Financial:** Members are not paid to attend Outside Body meetings however any costs associated with meeting attendance will be met from within the existing Members Allowances budget.
- In terms of the Police and Crime Panel funding a payment request was submitted to the Home Office for the grant (£35,850) to fund costs of the Panel from October 2012-March 2013. A significant amount of the costs are to fund the Officer that supports the Panel but other costs include the Legal & Democratic support to the Panel. This funding has been received by Buckinghamshire County Council. In terms of the funding arrangements for 2013/14, the process for 2013/14 will be similar in that the Panel spends, and costs are funded in arrears by the Home Office grant. The key difference being that this year it will be for the whole of the year, rather than just 6 months, so will be approximately £70k. In terms of member expenses, the cost of individual Member expenses was agreed to be met by the authority of that Member with of course the exception of the independent co-opted Members. Given the size of the TV Panel there can only be a maximum of 2 independent co-opted members.
- Personnel:** In terms of the Police and Crime Panel Buckinghamshire County Council act as Host Authority, providing Scrutiny Officer and other secretariat support as needed to enable the Panel to undertake its functions.
- Any dedicated staff employed to support the Panel are employed by the Host Authority, and as such their terms and conditions will be that of the Host Authority.
- None for the other outside bodies.
- Legal/Procurement:** The introduction of the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 ('the Act') introduced new structural arrangements for national policing, strategic police decision making, neighbourhood policing and police accountability.
- Property:** None
- Risk Management:** The Council indemnifies Members in certain circumstances – details are set out in Appendix J to Part 13 of the Constitution (Protocol for Council representatives on Outside Bodies).

Is this item relevant to equality?	Please tick relevant boxes	Yes	No
Does the policy affect service users, employees or the wider community and:			
• Is it likely to affect people with particular protected characteristics differently?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
• Is it a major policy, significantly affecting how functions are delivered?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
• Will the policy have a significant impact on how other organisations operate in terms of equality?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
• Does the policy relate to functions that engagement has identified as being important to people with particular protected characteristics?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
• Does the policy relate to an area with known inequalities?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Outcome (Where one or more 'Yes' boxes are ticked, the item is relevant to equality)			
Relevant to equality - Complete an EIA available at www.westberks.gov.uk/eia	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Not relevant to equality	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		

Consultation Responses

Members:

Leader of Council: Gordon Lundie – emailed on the 11 June 2013

Overview & Scrutiny Management Commission Chairman: Brian Bedwell – noted the report

Ward Members: N/a

Opposition Spokesperson: Jeff Brooks – emailed on the 11 June 2013

Local Stakeholders: None

Officers Consulted: Andy Day, Gillian Durrant, Robin Steel

Trade Union: Not consulted

Is this item subject to call-in?	Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No: <input type="checkbox"/>
If not subject to call-in please put a cross in the appropriate box:		
The item is due to be referred to Council for final approval	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Delays in implementation could have serious financial implications for the Council	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Delays in implementation could compromise the Council's position	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Considered or reviewed by Overview and Scrutiny Management Commission or associated Task Groups within preceding six months	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Item is Urgent Key Decision	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Report is to note only	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Supporting Information

1. Background

- 1.1 The Council is required to appoint representatives to a range of Outside Bodies. The bulk of these appointments were made on the 02 June 2011 following the local elections. Following the Annual Council meeting in May 2013 it has come to Officer's attention that there is a requirement to adjust a number of these appointments in line with changes to Members' responsibilities and personal circumstances.
- 1.2 In respect of the appointment to the Thames Valley Police and Crime Panel Councillor Graham Jones was appointed as the Council's Representative on the 02 May 2013. Subsequent to this appointment it emerged that meetings take place on a Friday and as Councillor Jones is not able to attend meetings on Friday and as substitutes are not permitted it was agreed that this appointment should be revisited.
- 1.3 Appointments will be made in accordance with Appendix J to part 13 of The Constitution (Protocol for Council representatives on Outside Bodies).

Outside Body	Current Representatives	Nominees
Berkshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust	Peter Argyle	Adrian Edwards
Berkshire Local Transport Board	Keith Chopping	Pamela Bale Garth Simpson
Thatcham Vision	Pamela Bale	Dominic Boeck
Empowering West Berkshire	Pamela Bale	Graham Pask
Thames Valley Police and Crime Panel	Graham Jones	Geoff Mayes Quentin Webb
South East Reserve Forces and Cadets Association	David Holtby	Tony Vickers

2. Equalities Impact Assessment Outcomes

- 2.1 There are no equalities issues associated with this report.

3. Conclusion

- 3.1 That the Council appoints a representative to the Berkshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust, the Berkshire Local Transport Board, Thatcham Vision, Empowering West Berkshire, Thames valley Police and Crime Panel and the South

East Reserve Forces' and Cadets Association South East Reserve Forces' and Cadets Association as set out in the paragraphs above.

Appendices

There are no appendices to this report.

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