

Individual Executive Member Decision

Title of Report:	Representation on Outside Bodies
Report to be considered by:	Individual Executive Member Decision
Date on which Decision is to be taken:	31 July 2014
Forward Plan Ref:	ID2866

Purpose of Report: To consider West Berkshire Council nominations to the following outside bodies:

- Foster Carers Panel;
- 14-21
- Berkshire Historical Environment Forum.

Recommended Action: To agree the Council's representatives on the following outside bodies:

- Foster Carers Panel;
- 14-21;
- Berkshire Historical Environment Forum.

Reason for decision to be taken: To ensure that the Council is represented on the outside organisations.

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 existing Members Allowances budget.

Personnel: None.

Legal/Procurement: None

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 07 July 2014

Overview & Scrutiny Management Brian Bedwell - supports the report

Commission Chairman:

Ward Members: N/a

Opposition Spokesperson: Jeff Brooks - emailed on the 07 July 2014

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"/>
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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. A number of changes to the appointments were made in May 2014. In reviewing those appointments Members became aware of three additional changes that they wished to make:
- Officers were notified that Bob Morgan had resigned as the Council's representative on 14 – 21 and needed to be replaced;
 - Councillor Gwen Mason wanted to step down from the Foster Carers Panel due to work commitments and it was proposed that Councillor David Allen replace her;
 - It was proposed that Councillor Adrian Edwards replace Councillor Hilary Cole on the Berkshire Historic Environment Forum as he was the Council's Heritage Champion.
- 1.2 Appointments will be made in accordance with Appendix J to part 13 of The Constitution (Protocol for Council representatives on Outside Bodies).

2. 14-21

- 2.1 The organisation provides support to young people in the 14-21 age group in addressing and counselling them in relation to issues and concerns creating difficulties in their lives. The Council is required to appoint two trustees with no voting rights or legal responsibilities. One of the Council's representatives, Bob Morgan, had resigned and needed to be replaced.
- 2.2 To date no Councillors have expressed an interest in replacing Bob Morgan.

3. Foster Carers Panel

- 3.1 The organisation is a Statutory Panel responsible for scrutinising and approving the assessments, reviews and placements of looked after children.
- 3.2 Councillor David Allen has expressed an interest in replacing Councillor Mason.

4. Berkshire Historic Environment Forum

- 4.1 The organisation shares knowledge and concerns about Berkshire's Historic environment by encouraging co-operation between individuals, organisations and promoting the environment to the public.
- 4.2 Councillor Hilary Cole, the Council's current representative on the forum has suggested that it might be more appropriate for the Council's Heritage Champion (Councillor Adrian Edwards) to replace her on this organisation. Councillor Edwards has agreed to take up the appointment if the Leader was minded to agree it.

5. Equalities Impact Assessment Outcomes

5.1 There are no equalities issues associated with this report.

6. Conclusion

6.1 That the Council appoints representatives to the organisations as set out in the paragraphs above.

Appendices

There are no appendices to this report.