

Individual Executive Member Decision

Outside Bodies - amendments

Committee considering report: Individual Executive Member Decision

Date ID to be signed: 4 May 2017

Portfolio Member: Councillor James Fredrickson

Forward Plan Ref: ID3266

1. Purpose of the Report

1.1 To consider West Berkshire Council nominations to the following outside bodies:

- (1) Local Government Association General Assembly
- (2) City Deal Joint Committee (Elevate)
- (3) Henwick Worthy Joint Management Committee
- (4) Kennet Leisure Centre Joint Advisory Committee

2. Recommendations

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

- (1) Local Government Association General Assembly
- (2) City Deal Joint Committee (Elevate)
- (3) Henwick Worthy Joint Management Committee
- (4) Kennet Leisure Centre Joint Advisory Committee

3. Implications

- 3.1 **Financial:** West Berkshire Council Members are not paid attend Outside Body meetings however any costs associated with meeting attendance will be met from within existing Members Allowances budget where the Outside Body does not pay these costs
- 3.2 **Policy:** Appointments will be made in accordance with Part 13 Appendix J (Protocol for Council Representation on Outside Bodies) of the Council's Constitution
- 3.3 **Personnel:** None
- 3.4 **Legal:** None

3.5 **Risk Management:** None

3.6 **Property:** None

3.7 **Other:** None

4. Consultation Responses

Members:

Acting Leader of Council: Councillor Graham Jones

Overview & Scrutiny Management Commission Chairman: Councillor Emma Webster

Ward Members:

Opposition Spokesperson: Councillor Lee Dillon

Local Stakeholders: Stewart Souden, Jim Sweeting

Officers Consulted: Gabrielle Mancini

Trade Union: Not consulted

5. Other options considered

5.1 Not to appoint representatives

6. Introduction/Background

- 6.1 The Council is required to appoint representatives to a range of Outside Bodies. The bulk of these appointments were made via an Individual Decision in June 2015 and the appointments were aligned to the Council's electoral cycle. From time to time the authority is required to revisit these appointments for a variety of reasons. One appointment in this report is requested on an annual basis; following the death of Councillor Roger Croft, Leader of the Council, in March 2017, additional nominations are also necessary.
- 6.2 Appointments will be made in accordance with Appendix J to Part 13 of the Constitution (Protocol for council Representatives on Outside Bodies).

7. Local Government Association General Assembly

- 7.1 The Local Government Association is a politically-led, cross-party organisation that works on behalf of councils to ensure that local government has a voice with national government. It aims to influence and set the political agenda on issues relevant to councils in order to deliver local solutions.
- 7.2 The General Assembly acts as the 'parliament' of local government, with all authorities in LGA membership entitled to have a minimum of one representative. It meets each summer at the LGA's Annual Conference. Membership is reviewed annually.
- 7.3 Four places are available to West Berkshire Council, although only two nominations have been made recently. In June 2015, Councillor Gordon Lundie, then Leader of the Council, and Councillor Roger Croft, then Deputy Leader of the Council, were nominated to the Assembly.
- 7.4 In November 2016, Councillor Graham Jones replaced Councillor Gordon Lundie; representatives were Councillor Roger Croft as Leader of Council and Councillor Graham Jones as Deputy Leader.
- 7.5 Following the death of Councillor Roger Croft in March 2017, Councillor Graham Jones became Acting Leader and Councillor Hilary Cole, Acting Deputy Leader.
- 7.6 The following Members have expressed an interest in being nominated to this Outside Body for 2017/18: Councillor Graham Jones and Councillor Hilary Cole.

8. City Deal Joint Committee

- 8.1 The City Deal Joint Committee is the pan-Berkshire body accountable for the City Deal (now called Elevate). It is led by Reading Borough Council and is linked to the Local Enterprise Partnership Lead Members European Social Fund meeting. West Berkshire Council has one representative on the Committee, traditionally the Executive Portfolio Holder for Economic Development, and no substitutes. The representative has no legal responsibilities or voting rights.
- 8.2 In June 2015, Councillor Alan Law was appointed to this role, as Portfolio Holder.
- 8.3 Following Councillor Law's resignation from the Executive in August 2016, Councillor Roger Croft, then Leader of Council and Portfolio Holder for Economic Development, replaced Councillor Law.

- 8.4 Following the recent death of Councillor Roger Croft, it is necessary to nominate a replacement Member for the Committee.
- 8.5 The following Member has expressed an interest in being nominated to this Outside Body for 2017/18: Councillor Anthony Chadley.

9. Henwick Worthy Joint Management Committee

- 9.1 The Henwick Worthy Joint Management Committee is tasked with discussing issues of policy relating to the sports and recreational centres at the Henwick Worthy sports fields. The appointees have legal responsibilities and voting rights and need to be current members of West Berkshire Council. The JMC recently adjusted its constitution to increase the membership of the Committee to ensure that meetings were quorate and the Council is required to appoint three Members and up to two substitutes to the Committee. The Chairmanship alternates between Thatcham Town and West Berkshire Councils.
- 9.2 In June 2015, Councillors Marigold Jaques and Nick Goodes were appointed to this role and Councillor Graham Pask was appointed as a substitute. In November 2015, after taking into account the increased membership, Councillors Marigold Jaques, Nick Goodes and Graham Pask were appointed as substantive Members on the Outside Body and Mr Jeff Brooks was appointed as a substitute member.
- 9.3 In June 2016, it became necessary to adjust these appointments and Councillor Steve Ardagh-Walter replaced Councillor Nick Goodes as a substantive Member and Councillor Roger Croft replaced Mr Jeff Brooks as substitute.
- 9.4 Following Councillor Roger Croft's death, it is necessary to nominate one or two substitute Members.
- 9.5 The following Members have expressed an interest in being nominated as substitutes to this Outside Body for 2017/18: Councillor Richard Crumly and Councillor Sheila Ellison.

10. Kennet Leisure Centre Joint Advisory Committee

- 10.1 The Kennet Leisure Centre JAC receives update reports on the operation of the Leisure Centre. Its purpose is to discuss these reports and feed the information back to the bodies they represent.
- 10.2 West Berkshire Council has four representatives on the committee, all of whom must be Members of Council. Members have voting rights but no legal responsibilities.
- 10.3 In June 2015, Councillors Marigold Jaques, Rob Denton-Powell, Steve Ardagh-Walter and Roger Croft were nominated to the Committee.
- 10.4 Following Councillor Roger Croft's death in March 2017, it is necessary to nominate a further representative.
- 10.5 The following Member has expressed an interest in being nominated as a replacement representative to this Outside Body for 2017/18: Councillor Richard Crumly.

11. Conclusion

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

Subject to Call-In:

Yes: ☒ No: ☐

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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"/>

Wards affected:

NA

The proposals contained in this report will help to achieve the following Council Strategy priority:

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12. Appendices

None