

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 Graham Jones

Forward Plan Ref: ID3309

1. Purpose of the Report

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

- (1) Royal Berkshire Fire Authority
- (2) Thames Valley Police and Crime Panel

2. Recommendations

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

- (1) Royal Berkshire Fire Authority
- (2) Thames Valley Police and Crime Panel

3. Implications

- 3.1 **Financial:** West Berkshire Council 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 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: Fayth Rowe (RBFRS) Clare Gray (SBDC)

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. Nominations to the two Outside Bodies in this report are requested annually.
- 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. Royal Berkshire Fire Authority

- 7.1 Members are responsible for setting the Fire and Rescue Service operating budget and determining how the service is run. Meetings of the Royal Berkshire Fire Authority take place in the evenings, on a quarterly basis, at the authority's Headquarters in Calcot, Reading. Members should note that a Member appointed to this Fire Authority is expected to attend all Fire Authority meetings and to serve on at least one committee or working party.
- 7.2 Appointments to the Royal Berkshire Fire Authority are made on a proportionality basis based on the electoral roll. Following a decision made at the 25 April 2016 Fire Authority meeting it has been agreed that there will be 20 members appointed in 2017/18, a reduction of five members in total. The Fire Authority comprises local councillors appointed by the six unitary authorities in the county: Bracknell Forest Borough Council (3 seats); Reading Borough Council (3 seats); Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead (3 seats); Slough Borough Council (3 seats); West Berkshire Council (4 seats) and Wokingham District Council (4 seats).
- 7.3 At the Executive meeting in May 2007 it was agreed that West Berkshire Council appointments will be made based on the Council's proportionality rules.
- 7.4 The representatives for the 2016/17 period were Councillors Paul Bryant, Adrian Edwards, Carol Jackson-Doerge and Emma Webster.
- 7.5 The following Members have expressed an interest in being nominated to this Outside Body for 2017/18: Paul Bryant, Adrian Edwards, Carol Jackson-Doerge and Emma Webster.

8. Thames Valley Police and Crime Panel

- 8.1 The Panel comprises 18 elected members (one from each Authority) and 2 co-optees. Appointments of elected Members to the Panel are made in accordance with each Authority's own procedures, with a view to ensuring that the 'balanced appointment objective' is met so far as is reasonable practicable.
- 8.2 The balanced appointment objective requires that the Panel should (when taken together):
- (1) Represent all parts of the police area;
 - (2) Represent the political make-up of the Authorities;
 - (3) Have the skills, knowledge and experience necessary for the Panel to discharge its functions effectively.

8.3 A Member shall be appointed annually to the Panel to hold office matching the Municipal Year, subject to the following provisos that he/she:

- (1) Shall cease to be a Member of the Panel if he/she ceases to be a member of:
 - (a) The Authority;
 - (b) The political group in the Authority when the appointment to hold office was made.

8.4 The Council's current representative on the organisation is Councillor Quentin Webb.

8.5 The following Member has expressed an interest in being appointed to the panel for 2017/18: Councillor Emma Webster.

9. Conclusion

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

Subject to Call-In:

Yes: No:

Wards affected: N/A

Strategic Aims and Priorities Supported:

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

MEC1 – Become an even more effective Council

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10. Appendices

None