

# Individual Executive Member Decision

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## Outside Bodies - amendments

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| <b>Committee considering report:</b>        | Individual Executive Member Decision |
| <b>Date ID to be signed:</b>                | 15 June 2017                         |
| <b>Portfolio Member:</b>                    | Councillor Graham Jones              |
| <b>Date Portfolio Member agreed report:</b> |                                      |
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### 1. Purpose of the Report

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

- South East Employers (SEEMP)

### 2. Recommendation

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

- South East Employers (SEEMP)

### 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:**

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| <b>Leader of Council:</b>                                      | Councillor Graham Jones |
| <b>Overview &amp; Scrutiny Management Commission Chairman:</b> | Councillor Emma Webster |
| <b>Ward Members:</b>   |                         |
| <b>Opposition Spokesperson:</b>                                | Councillor Lee Dillon   |

**Local Stakeholders:**

**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. From 1 June 2017, it was agreed that the Council would rejoin South East Employers and, as a result, it is necessary to nominate representatives for this organisation.

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. South East Employers (SEEMP)**

7.1 South East Employers (SEEMP) is an employers' organisation for local authorities in the South East covering the geographical boundaries of Berkshire, Buckinghamshire, East Sussex, Hampshire, the Isle of Wight, Kent, Oxfordshire, Surrey and West Sussex.

7.2 The organisation represents Member Councils' collective interests at a national and regional level and provides expert knowledge and advice on employee relations and human resource issues. It also provides training and events for Councillors and staff and represents the South East Region Employers' side on the SE Regional Joint Committee with local authority trade unions. Additionally, SEEMP responds to consultation documents on relevant issues and collates and disseminates information to members regarding both employment in local government and general conditions of service and employment, including a survey on members' allowances.

7.3 Having previously been a member, it was agreed that West Berkshire Council would rejoin SEEMP, with effect from 1 June 2017. As a result it is necessary to nominate two representatives and, ideally, two substitutes to represent the Council.

7.4 Representatives should have an interest in strategic employment issues influencing the future direction of local government and be in a position to represent the views of the Council. As well as representing West Berkshire Council on South East

Employers, the representatives will automatically be appointed to the Employers' Side of the South East Regional Council.

7.5 Representatives are invited to attend two full meetings, including the Annual Meeting and, those appointed from the full body, will be invited to attend three further Executive Committee meetings and Regional Joint Committee Meetings, if convened.

7.6 The following Members have expressed an interest in being nominated as representatives to this Outside Body: Councillors Hilary Cole and Keith Chopping. The following Members have expressed an interest in being nominated as substitutes to this Outside Body: Councillors Graham Bridgman and James Cole.

## 8. Conclusion

8.1 That the Council appoints representatives to the organisation as set out in the paragraphs above.

## 9. Appendices

9.1 None

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### Subject to Call-In:

Yes:  No:

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### Wards affected:

NA

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### 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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