

Individual Executive Member Decision

Title of Report:	Nominations for Representation to Outside Bodies
Report to be considered by:	Individual Executive Member Decision
Date on which Decision is to be taken:	02 June 2011
Forward Plan Ref:	ID2302

Purpose of Report: To consider nominations from the Conservative and Liberal Democrat Group for representation on Outside Bodies.

Recommended Action: That the Leader of the Council appoints representatives to the Outside Bodies as detailed on the attached Appendix A.

Reason for decision to be taken: The Council is required to make and re-new appointments to certain Outside Bodies on a four yearly basis.

Other options considered: None

Key background documentation: None

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Implications

Policy:	The proposals outlined in this report are not in contradiction to any of the Council's existing policies, including those outlined in the Council Plan.
Financial:	The possible payment of travelling and subsistence claims.
Personnel:	None
Legal/Procurement:	None
Environmental:	None
Partnering:	None
Property:	None
Risk Management:	None
Community Safety:	None
Equalities:	These Outside Bodies promote Social Inclusion in line with the Council's Equalities Strategy.

Consultation Responses

Members:

Leader of Council:	Both groups have been consulted via the Group Executives
Overview & Scrutiny Commission Chairman:	Both groups have been consulted via the Group Executives
Ward Members:	N/a
Opposition Spokesperson:	Both groups have been consulted via the Group Executives
Local Stakeholders:	The bodies requesting representation have all been consulted
Officers Consulted:	Andy Day, David Holling, Robin Steel, Susan Chivers
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 OSC or associated Task Groups within preceding 6 months		<input type="checkbox"/>
Item is Urgent Key Decision		<input type="checkbox"/>

Supporting Information

1. Background

- 1.1 The Council is required to appoint representatives to the Outside Bodies listed in Appendix A. In order to standardise the timetable for appointments the Council makes to Outside Bodies it is proposed that all appointments are made for four years to coincide with the electoral cycle. The Leader of the Council will, however, have the opportunity to review any of these appointments during the term of office should it be deemed necessary.
- 1.2 The appointments are being made in accordance with Appendix J of Part 13 (Codes and Protocols) of the Constitution namely the Protocol for Council Representation on Outside Bodies.
- 1.3 To assist Members organisations have been asked to provide information relating to the group's constitution, governance arrangements, financial position of the organisation, insurance arrangements and health and safety policies. Copies of this information is available from Policy and Communication should Members wish to view it. Due to the size of these documents we are not able to reproduce these documents for all Members.
 - 1.1 Before accepting the appointment Members should establish:
 - the time commitment required by the role and whether or not they have the time and capacity to take on the responsibility;
 - what the nature of the organisation is as this will affect their role and help with identifying the potential risks involved;
 - in what capacity they are being asked to serve on the Outside Body;
 - what the body has been set up to do;
 - the governance arrangements of the organisation; and
 - the financial position of the organisation.
 - 1.2 The Council representatives are also advised to:
 - consider if there is likely to be any significant conflict of interest between their role in the outside organisation and their Council role before accepting the office;
 - clarify the insurance arrangements and if no insurance exists this must be weighed up in the decision to accept the appointment;
 - ask about any specific legal responsibilities attached to the membership of the organisation;
 - read the constitution of the organisation and be aware of its powers, duties and objectives;
 - attend meetings regularly and present apologies in good time when they are unable to attend;
 - satisfy themselves that they receive regular reports on the activities of the organisation and its financial position;

- satisfy themselves that the organisation has adequate Health and Safety and Equalities Policies;
- obtain a copy of the annual report and accounts to ensure that funds are spent on agreed objectives where the organisation is funded by or through the Council; and
- seek advice from the appropriate Council Officers in the event of any doubt or concerns about the running of the organisation.

- 1.4 Members are required to submit an annual report to the Head of Policy and Communication on the activity of the Outside Body using a prescribed form which will be circulated by Policy and Communication. Members will be asked to report back by the 01st May each year, i.e. the first report will be required by the 01 May 2012. The reports will then be circulated to all Members. Where there is more than one Member appointed to an outside body a joint submission should be made.
- 1.5 There are a number of organisations to which the Council appoints Members where more regular feedback from Members would be appropriate. In these circumstances Members or Officers attending the meeting should provide a brief summary for inclusion in the Members' Bulletin on a quarterly basis.
- 1.6 Relationships between the Council, Outside Bodies and the Council's representative can be complex. In any case of dispute or difficulty, Members should seek advice from the Secretary or Clerk to the Outside Body, who can then take advice from professional advisors where necessary.
- 1.7 If Members are concerned about the position they find themselves in as a Councillor on an Outside Body, they should contact the Monitoring Officer for further advice.

Appendices

Appendix A - List of nominations for appointments to Outside Bodies

Appendix B - Appendix J (Protocol for Council Representation on Outside Bodies) of Part 13 (Codes and Protocols) of the Constitution.