

# Individual Decisions

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<b>Report to be considered by:</b>	Councillor Graham Jones	<b>On:</b> 24 January 2008
<b>Forward Plan Ref:</b>	ID1547	

**Purpose of Report:** To consider nominations to Berkshire Maestros.

**Recommended Action:** To agree the Council's representation on Berkshire Maestros.

**Reason for decision to be taken:** Following the resignation of the Council's former representative, the Council is required to make a new appointment.

**List of other options considered:** None

**Key background documentation:** None

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### Implications

**Policy:** The proposal outlined in this report is not in contradiction to any of the Council's existing policies, including those outlined in the Council Plan.

**Financial:** The payment of travelling and subsistence claims.

## Supporting Information

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### 1. Background on Berkshire Maestros

- 1.1 The body was established in 1982 as the Berkshire Young Musicians Trust, but it is now known as Berkshire Maestros.
- 1.2 It is regarded as one of the finest youth music organisations in the country.
- 1.3 The body currently teaches over 7000 students in Berkshire.
- 1.4 Berkshire Maestros aims to teach Berkshire's young people how to make music by providing instrumental and vocal tuition in schools and at music centres throughout the county. It aims to provide pupils with opportunities for developing their performing, creative and appraising skills, together with growing confidence, sensitivity and understanding from an early age. In addition, they have developed and implemented new projects with schools, community groups and other arts organisations.
- 1.5 There are four music centres (based in Bracknell, Newbury, Reading and Windsor), used mainly on Saturday mornings. It is thought that playing in groups allows budding musicians to make new friends, learn new skills and most importantly, have lots of fun.
- 1.6 With the support of five of the Berkshire Unitary Authorities, Berkshire Maestros offers generous discounts to low-income families, reduced rates for beginners and a free trial for first-time membership of selected bands, choirs and orchestras so that every child can discover music.
- 1.7 The Council is required to make one new appointment following the resignation of the Council's former representative.

## Appendices

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None

## Consultation Responses

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### Members:

**Leader of Council:** None

**Overview & Scrutiny  
Commission Chairman:** None

**Policy Development  
Commission Chairman:** None

**Ward Members:** None

**Opposition  
Spokesperson:** None

**Local Stakeholders:** None

**Officers Consulted:** Andy Day, Katharine Durrant, Robin Steel

**Trade Union:** None

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<b>Title of Report:</b>	<b>Representation on an Outside Body – The Newbury Almshouse Trust</b>	
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<b>Report to be considered by:</b>	Councillor Graham Jones	<b>On:</b> 24 January 2008
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<b>Forward Plan Ref:</b>	ID1546
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**Purpose of Report:**

To consider nominations to the Newbury Almshouse Trust.

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**Recommended Action:**

To agree the Council's representation on the Newbury Almshouse Trust.

**Reason for decision to be taken:**

The Council has been requested to fill a vacancy on the Newbury Almshouse Trust.

**List of other options considered:**

None

**Key background documentation:**

None

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**Financial:** The payment of travelling and subsistence claims.

## Supporting Information

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### 1. Background on the Newbury Almshouse Trust

- 1.1 The Newbury Almshouse Trust concerns itself with the provision of accommodation for elderly people in need.
- 1.2 The Council appointed Mrs Marion Paterson in June 2007. However, one vacancy remained.
- 1.3 Representatives are appointed for the Life of the Council and meetings are held approximately every quarter.
- 1.4 The Newbury Almshouse Trust has asked that Councillor Kildip Singh (Newbury town Council) fill the remaining vacancy.

### Appendices

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#### Consultation Responses

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