

Individual Executive Member Decision

Appointments to Outside Bodies

Committee considering report:	Individual Executive Member Decision
Date ID to be signed:	27 June 2022
Portfolio Member:	Councillor Lynne Doherty
Forward Plan Ref:	ID4223

1. Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 The Council is invited to appoint representatives to a range of Outside Bodies, with appointments being made in accordance with Appendix J to Part 13 of the Constitution (Protocol for Council Representatives on Outside Bodies).
- 1.2 The Leader of the Council is invited to determine the appointment of Council representatives to the following outside bodies:
- Henwick Worthy Joint Management Committee
 - South East Employers
 - Kennet & Avon Canal Partnership Steering Group

2. Recommendations

That the Leader of the Council agrees:

- (1) That Councillor Jeff Brooks be appointed to the Henwick Worthy Joint Management Committee.
- (2) That Councillors Tom Marino and Alan Law be appointed to South East Employers, with Councillors Lee Dillon and Jeff Brooks appointed as their deputies.
- (3) That Councillor Richard Somner be appointed to the Kennet & Avon Canal Partnership Steering Group and Councillor Howard Woollaston be nominated as his deputy.

3. Implications

Implication	Commentary
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.

Human Resource:	None			
Legal:	None			
Risk Management:	None			
Property:	None			
Policy:	Appointments will be made in accordance with Part 13 Appendix J (Protocol for Council Representation on Outside Bodies) of the Council's Constitution			
	Positive	Neutral	Negative	Commentary
Equalities Impact:				
A Are there any aspects of the proposed decision, including how it is delivered or accessed, that could impact on inequality?		X		
B Will the proposed decision have an impact upon the lives of people with protected characteristics, including employees and service users?		X		
Environmental Impact:		X		
Health Impact:		X		
ICT Impact:		X		
Digital Services Impact:		X		

Council Strategy Priorities:		X		
Core Business:		X		
Data Impact:		X		
Consultation and Engagement:	Councillor Lynne Doherty, Councillor Alan Law, Councillor Lee Dillon, Melanie Booth, Jake Thurman, Paul Hendry			

4. Executive Summary

The Council is invited to appoint representatives to a range of outside bodies and this decision is taken by the Leader of the Council under her delegated authority. All appointments are made in accordance with Appendix J to Part 13 of the Constitution (Protocol for Council Representatives on Outside Bodies).

5. Supporting Information

Henwick Worthy Joint Management Committee

- 5.1 The Henwick Worthy Joint Management Committee meets bi-annually, with its last meeting having taken place on 17 May 2022. Meetings are usually held at 6pm for approximately 1-2 hours, and the everyday running of Henwick Worthy Sports Ground is typically considered.
- 5.2 Councillors are expected to take up an advisory role consisting of guidance on maintenance and funding of the site, as well as any problems with the management of the sports centre.
- 5.3 Councillor Keith Woodhams has stood down from the membership of the Henwick Worthy Joint Management Committee and will instead take on a substitute role. Councillor Jeff Brooks has been nominated to replace Councillor Woodhams, and approval is being sought to retrospectively approve his nomination since he attended the meeting on 17 May 2022.
- 5.4 The appointment will run until September 2023 when the full term of all other current representatives terminates and will be reviewed.

South East Employers

- 5.5 West Berkshire Council is entitled to appoint two representatives to South East Employers, and to appoint two deputies who can attend full meetings of South East Employers on behalf of the full representatives.
- 5.6 Councillors are expected to communicate the interests and values of West Berkshire Council to South East Employers and vice versa, act as an ambassador of South East Employers, help develop policy and understand and adhere to the rules and procedures.

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- 5.7 The first meeting will be the Annual General Meeting on Wednesday 13 July 2022 where the Chair and Vice-Chair will be decided.
- 5.8 Traditionally, the main representatives are appointed from the Administration and Councillors Tom Marino and Alan Law have been nominated. The substitutes are traditionally appointed from the Majority Opposition Group, and Councillors Lee Dillon and Jeff Brooks have been nominated.

Kennet & Avon Canal Partnership

- 5.9 The Kennet and Avon Canal Partnership includes representation from a wide range of stakeholders, including local authorities. Local authorities have been represented by a mix of officers and elected members. West Berkshire Council has previously been represented by Paul Hendry, Countryside Manager.
- 5.10 Following debate at the Overview and Scrutiny Management Commission on 22 March 2002 regarding securing effective management of the Kennet and Avon Canal, the Commission recommended that an elected Member be appointed as a representative on the Kennet & Avon Canal Partnership.
- 5.11 The Kennet & Avon Canal Partnership has not met since 2018. However, it was also the recommendation of the Commission that Paul Hendry initiate discussions regarding resurrecting the Partnership with the Kennet & Avon Canal Trust. The Chairman of the Kennet & Avon Canal Trust has been advised of these intentions.
- 5.12 Councillor Richard Somner has been nominated as the Council's appointment to the Partnership, with Councillor Howard Woollaston being put forward as his deputy, in expectation of the Partnership's resurrection.

6. Other options considered

Not to appoint representatives.

7. Conclusion

The Leader of the Council is invited to agree the nominations as set out in the report to ensure the Council is represented on outside bodies as requested. Those bodies will be advised of the nominations once agreed.

8. Appendices

- 8.1 None.

Subject to Call-In:

Yes: No:

- The item is due to be referred to Council for final approval
- Delays in implementation could have serious financial implications for the Council
- Delays in implementation could compromise the Council's position
- Considered or reviewed by Overview and Scrutiny Management Commission or associated Task Groups within preceding six months
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Item is Urgent Key Decision

Report is to note only

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