
Appointment to an Outside Body

Committee considering report:	Individual Executive Member Decisions
Date of decision:	21 August 2025
Portfolio Member:	Councillor Jeff Brooks
Date Portfolio Member agreed report:	14 August 2025
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Forward Plan Ref:	ID 4736

1 Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 This Individual Executive Member Decision deals with the appointment of a new representative to serve as the Council's representative on the Mid and West Berkshire Countryside Local Access Forum (the Local Access Forum).

2 Recommendation

- 2.1 That the Leader of the Council appoints Councillor Chris Read to be the Council's representative on the Local Access Forum, replacing the existing representative, Councillor Tony Vickers.

3 Implications and Impact Assessment

Implication	Commentary
Financial:	There are no expected financial implications directly arising from the recommended decision.
Human Resource:	There are no expected HR implications directly arising from the recommended decision.
Legal:	There are no expected legal implications directly arising from the recommended decision.
Risk Management:	There are no expected risk management implications directly arising from the recommended decision.

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Property:	There are no expected property implications directly arising from the recommended decision.			
Policy:	There are no expected policy implications directly arising from the recommended decision.			
	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		None.
Health Impact:		X		None.
ICT Impact:		X		None.
Digital Services Impact:		X		None.

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Council Strategy Priorities:	X			The continued appointment of members as representatives of the Council to outside bodies supports Council Priority Area: 5. Thriving communities with a strong local voice.
Core Business:		X		None.
Data Impact:		X		None.
Consultation and Engagement:	Stephen Chard – Democratic Services Manager Approved			

4 Executive Summary

- 4.1 This report is being brought to the Leader of the Council as Councillor Chris Read has agreed to replace Councillor Tony Vickers as the Council's representative on the Local Access Forum.
- 4.2 The Leader of the Council, using their delegated powers, has the authority to appoint representatives to outside bodies - except regulatory bodies. All appointments are made in accordance with Appendix G to Part 13 of the Constitution (Protocol for Council Representatives on Outside Bodies).
- 4.3 Therefore, the Leader of the Council is recommended to approve the appointment of Councillor Chris Read to the Local Access Forum.

5 Introduction/Background

- 5.1 The Council makes appointments to the Local Access Forum and finds value in this continued participation. As Councillor Tony Vickers intends to stand down from this position, if a replacement is not made then this will result in a vacancy.
- 5.2 Filling this vacancy and making appointments to outside bodies supports Council Priority Area: 5. 'Thriving communities with a strong local voice', as well as allowing the Council to build strong working relations with local stakeholders and partners.
- 5.3 For these reasons, replacing Councillor Tony Vickers is strongly encouraged.
- 5.4 Councillor Chris Read has agreed to replace Councillor Tony Vickers and therefore the Leader is recommended to approve the replacement.

6 Supporting Information

- 6.1 The matters of facts relating to this report are outlined in points 4 and 5 above.

7 Options for consideration

- 7.1 The alternative option would be to do nothing and that a replacement for Councillor Tony Vickers is not made. This would result in a vacancy.

8 Conclusion

- 8.1 As maintaining outside appointments fulfils the Council's priorities, the Leader of the Council is recommended to appoint Councillor Chris Read to be the Council's representative on the Local Access Forum.

9 Appendices

- 9.1 There are no appendices

Background Papers:

None.

Subject to Call-In:

Yes: ☒ No: ☐

Wards affected: All

Key decision: No

This is not a key decision as it is a replacement of a representative on an outside body that the Council is already represented on and therefore it contributes to an existing Council strategy.

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