
REPRESENTATION ON OUTSIDE BODIES

To: **Council Meeting – 10 July 2014**

By: **Democratic Services Manager**

Classification: **Unrestricted**

Wards affected: **N/A**

Summary: This report notifies Council of the dissolution of one of the Outside Bodies on the Executive appointed list of outside bodies.

For Decision

1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 The Council has learned that the LGA Rural Commission has been disbanded. The Council currently has the LGA Rural Commission on its list of Executive appointed outside bodies.
- 1.2 Council now has two categories of outside bodies: those that relate to an Executive function and hence appointments should be made by the Cabinet, and those for which appointments should be made by Council.
- 1.3 It is for Council to decide on those outside bodies it feels relate to an Executive function, but for Cabinet to agree the nominations to them.

2.0 Current Situation

- 2.1 The Council have also been informed that a new LGA special interest group has been formed called the Rural Services Network which is designed to replace the LGA Rural Commission and the Council has been invited to join.
- 2.2 Officers have studied the offer from the Rural Services Network and in consultation with the Cabinet Member have decided not to recommend that the Council join the network. This is because in terms of the Council's current priorities, membership of this group would not help the Council to focus on the current issues faced by Thanet. In addition there would be a need to identify £495 to join. The offer from the Rural Services Network does classify authorities and lists them as predominantly or significantly rural. TDC are classified as a Council not in a predominantly or significantly rural classification but a member of the former Rural Commission. Therefore with the current budget constraints and other urban issues TDC faces membership is not deemed a priority at the current time.

3.0 Corporate Implications

3.1 Financial

- 3.1.1 There are no direct financial implications.

3.2 Legal

3.2.1 None

3.3 Corporate

3.3.1 The Council appoints representatives to outside bodies in order to express the views of the Council to those bodies on the work they undertake, and to feed back to the Council issues emerging from those bodies that relate to Council activities.

3.4 Equity and Equalities

3.4.1 There are no specific equity and equality considerations that need to be addressed in this report.

4.0 Recommendation

4.1 That Council amends the list of Executive appointed outside bodies to remove the LGA Rural Commission.

5.0 Decision Making Process

5.1 It is the function of Council to appoint representatives to outside bodies unless the appointment is an executive function or has been delegated by the Council.

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Annex List

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Background Papers

Title	Details of where to access copy
None	N/A

Corporate Consultation Undertaken

Finance	N/A
Legal	Steven Boyle, Interim Legal Services Manager and Monitoring Officer