### REPRESENTATION ON OUTSIDE BODIES FOR 2024/25

Annual Council 9 May 2024

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Key Decision no

**Decision classification** Unrestricted

Call in status n/a

Ward: Thanet Wide

### **Purpose of the Report**

This report invites suggestions to update the lists of recognised outside bodies and the appointment of Members to serve on the non-executive list.

### Recommendation(s):

- 1. That Council agrees the list of Executive appointed outside bodies;
- 2. That Council agrees the list of Non-Executive outside bodies;
- 3. That Council agrees the nominations to the Non-Executive outside bodies.

# 1. Summary of Reasons

1.1 Council 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.

# 2. Background

2.1 Council confirms the list of executive and non executive outside bodies that it would like to nominate representatives to seat on. Annual Council further agrees the names of councillors to be its representatives on non-executive outside bodies while Cabinet approves nominations for executive outside bodies.

### 3. Relevant Issues

- 3.1 The Leader has proposed the lists of Executive and Non-Executive outside bodies. These are shown at Annex 1 and Annex 2.
- 3.2 It is for Council to decide on both the list of Non-Executive outside bodies and the nominations to those Non-Executive outside bodies. The Leader will propose a list of nominations to the Non-Executive outside bodies at the Council meeting.
- 3.3 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.

### 4. Alternative Options

4.1 Membership to outside bodies is a voluntary option for the Council.

### 5. Consultation

5.1 There is no public consultation that is required for this matter.

## 6. Corporate Implications

#### 6.1 Finance and Resources

6.1.1 There are no direct financial implications from this report. However members allowances included in the annual budget are based on the existing structure and commitment to membership on outside bodies. Any increase in the number of commitments to outside bodies would require approval of the resulting increase in the budget.

#### 6.2 Legal and Constitutional

6.2.1 Besides considering prescribed agenda items (in para 2.2 (i-xii), the Annual Council can also consider any business set out in the notice for convening the meeting, as provided for in Part 4 of the Constitution, Rules of Procedure (para 2.2 xviii).

#### 6.3 Council Policies and Priorities

- 6.3.1 This report relates to the following corporate priorities: -
  - To work efficiently for you

#### 6.4 Risk

6.4.1 There are no risk implications arising directly from this report.

#### 6.5 Climate Change and Biodiversity

6.5.1 There are no climate change and biodiversity issues arising directly from this report.

### 7. Equality, Equity and Diversity Implications

7.1 There are no direct equalities implications to this report as although there are Councillors from the protected groups, there are no restrictions on who may be appointed to represent the Council on outside bodies.

### 8. Crime and Disorder Implications and Community impact

8.1 There are no crime and disorder implications and community impact arising directly from this report.

### **Subject History**

At each Annual meeting, 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.

## **Appendices**

Annex 1 - List of Executive appointed outside bodies for 2024/25 Annex 2 - List of Non-Executive outside bodies for 2024/25

# **Background Papers**

None

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