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## REPRESENTATION ON EXECUTIVE APPOINTED OUTSIDE BODIES

To: **Cabinet – 20 June 2013**

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Wards affected: N/A

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**Summary:** This report informs Cabinet of the Leader's choice of appointments to the Executive outside bodies.

### **For Decision**

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#### **1.0 Introduction**

- 1.1 It was agreed at the meeting of Council on 24 February 2011 that any list of outside bodies would be split in to two lists: those outside bodies that relate to an Executive function and hence should be appointed by the Cabinet and those that are appointed by Council.
- 1.2 It is for Council to decide on those outside bodies it feels relate to an Executive function and hence should have a Cabinet Member appointed to them, but for Cabinet to agree the nominations to those outside bodies.
- 1.3 The Leaders delegated powers were amended to allow him to propose his nominations for the Executive outside bodies to the Cabinet.

#### **2.0 Current Situation**

- 2.1 Council agreed the list of Executive outside bodies and the number of Councillors to be appointed to them, as described at paragraph 1.2 of this report at its Annual meeting on 16 May 2013. That list is appended at Annex 1.
- 2.2 The Leader has provided Democratic Services with his list of nominations to the Executive outside bodies and those names are shown at Annex 1 of the report.
- 2.3 Members may wish to note that the Crime & Disorder Reduction Partnership Working Party considered the draft Thanet Community Safety Plan for 2013/14. One of the key issues in the Plan was the need to address domestic violence in Thanet. Members of the Group then made a recommendation to the Overview & Scrutiny Panel and at their meeting on 23 April 2013, the Panel agreed the following recommendation to Cabinet:
1. That Cabinet recommends to Council that the Domestic Violence Forum be added to the Thanet District Council list of Executive appointed outside bodies and that a TDC Member be made a nominee to that outside body.
- 2.4 Cabinet had expressed an interest to assign two nominees to the Domestic Violence Forum, if the governance arrangements for that outside body would permit that level

of representation. If only one representative is permitted, Cabinet may seek permission from the Forum to nominate a second Member, to sit on the Forum as an ex-officio member.

- 2.5 As part of the Council's need to seek greater value for money, Democratic Services were asked to review the Council's membership of South East Employers (SEE). SEE are the umbrella group for Councils in the South East of England excluding London. They provide some elected member support and HR advice. As HR advice is now provided by EKHR and the possibility of providing paid for attendance at conferences significantly reduced as a result of the moratorium on discretionary spending which includes attendance at conferences, it is suggested that the £5,453.17 annual cost of the SEE yearly subscription no longer represents good value for money for the Council.
- 2.6 As SEE is an Executive appointed outside body, that subscription cannot be ended without reference to elected Members, in the first instance, the Executive. Democratic Services approached the Leader of the Council who was agreeable for the ending of the SEE subscription.
- 2.7 If Cabinet did recommend to Council to remove SEE as an Executive appointed outside body, then any change would not occur until the next meeting of Council on 11 July and so it would still be appropriate for the Executive to appoint a representative for the intervening period.
- 2.8 Members should note that Thanet Leisureforce is now known as Your Leisure, Kent Ltd. Officers have not yet been able to ascertain the structure of nominations that the Council is able to make to the new body. When this is known, any necessary changes will be reported to Council..

### **3.0 Corporate Implications**

#### **3.1 Financial**

- 3.1.1 Ending the Council's subscription to South East Employers (and thereby ceasing to make a nomination to that body) would save the Council £5,453.17 a year from its revenue budget; this saving will not materialise until 2014/15 and as a result can be removed as part of the Budget process.

#### **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 Recommendations

- 4.1 That Cabinet agrees the list of nominations to the Executive-related outside bodies as shown at Annex 1 of the report;
- 4.2 That Cabinet recommends to Council the following:
- a) That the Domestic Violence Forum be added to the Thanet District Council list of Executive appointed outside bodies and that one TDC Member be made a nominee to that outside body with an additional TDC Member being nominated to be an ex-officio to that Forum should that prove possible;
  - b) That South East Employers be removed from the Thanet District Council list of Executive appointed outside bodies;

#### 5.0 Decision Making Process

- 5.1 Cabinet is the decision making body only for making nominations to existing Bodies agreed by Council. Any newly proposed Outside Bodies would need to be agreed at Full Council.

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#### Annex List

Annex 1	List of Executive Outside Bodies
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#### Background Papers

Title	Details of where to access copy
None	N/A

#### Corporate Consultation Undertaken

Finance	
Legal	Harvey Patterson, Corporate & Regulatory Services Manager