
REPRESENTATION ON OUTSIDE BODIES

To: **Council – 11 July 2013**

By: **Glenn Back, Democratic Services & Scrutiny Manager**

Classification: **Unrestricted**

Wards affected: N/A

Summary: This report informs Council of the Cabinet's recommendations regarding the lists of outside bodies.

For Decision

1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 It was agreed at the meeting of Council on 15 July 2010 that any list of outside bodies would be split in to two lists: those outside bodies 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.
- 1.2 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 those outside bodies.
- 1.3 Cabinet will decide upon nominations to those outside bodies that Council feels relate to a Cabinet function at the first Cabinet meeting of the municipal year. Council will make the appointments to the non-Executive list of outside bodies.

2.0 Recommendations from Cabinet

- 2.1 At its meeting of the 20 June 2013 Cabinet made the following recommendations:
- 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.
- 2.2 As referred to above Council is the body that confirms the Executive list of Outside Bodies, therefore it is for decide whether to accept the recommendations from Cabinet.
- 2.3 Since the report to Cabinet was written The Council has been informed that South East Employers has a one year notice period to end membership. Therefore Council can agree to end the Membership of South East Employers; however this would only take effect from the 2013/14 financial year.

3.0 Other changes to Outside Bodies

- 3.1 In addition to the recommendations from Cabinet, the following changes are also put forward for consideration by Council.
- 3.2 Thanet Quality Bus Partnership is a long standing body which has requested a Councillor representative. It is therefore proposed to formalise this appointment and it is proposed to class it as an Executive appointed outside body.
- 3.3 Due to an oversight on behalf of Democratic Services, the Local Government Association Coastal Special Interest Group was missed off the list of Executive appointed outside bodies. The LGA Coastal Special Interest Group was originally added to the list of Executive appointed outside bodies at Annual Council in May 2012.

4.0 Friends of Margate Cemetery

- 4.1 Since the last meeting of Council we have been in correspondence with the Chairman of the Friends of Margate Cemetery, he has informed us that Councillor Mrs and Mr Tomlinson were appointed as Trustees of the Friends of Margate Cemetery in May 2012 for a period of three years until May 2015. Furthermore he has also confirmed that he is not prepared to amend these trustees until the end of the three year period; therefore there are no vacant positions for trustees on the Friends of Margate Cemetery Board and so Council is unable to appoint Councillor Clark to the Friends of Margate Cemetery at the present time.

5.0 Corporate Implications

5.1 Financial

- 5.1.1 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.

5.2 Legal

- 5.2.1 None

5.3 Corporate

- 5.3.1 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.

5.4 Equity and Equalities

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

6.0 Recommendations

- 6.1 That Council agrees the following recommendations from Cabinet:

- 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;

6.2 That Council agrees the following further changes to the list of Executive appointed outside bodies.

- a) That the Thanet Quality Bus Partnership is added to the list of Executive appointed outside bodies and that one TDC Member is made a nominee to that body.
- b) That the Local Government Association Coastal Special Interest Group be re-added to the list of Executive appointed outside bodies and that one TDC Member is made nominee to that body.

7.0 Decision Making Process

7.1 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

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Background Papers

Title	Details of where to access copy
None	N/A

Corporate Consultation Undertaken

Finance	Matthew Sanham, Finance Manager (Service Support)
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