

REPRESENTATION ON OUTSIDE BODIES

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Portfolio Holder	Cllr Whitehead - Cabinet Member for Housing and Community Services
Status	For Decision
Classification:	Unrestricted
Key Decision	No

Executive Summary:

This report asks the Council to agree a list of Executive and Non-Executive Outside Bodies and to make nominations to serve on the non-executive list.

Recommendation(s):

1. That Council agrees the lists of Executive and Non-Executive outside bodies;
2. That Council agrees the nominations to the Non-Executive outside bodies.

Corporate Implications

Financial and Value for Money

There are no direct financial implications from this report. However members allowances included in the annual budget are based on the existing structure and any increase in size or number of committees would require approval of the resulting increase in the budget.

Legal

None.

Corporate

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.

Equality Act 2010 & Public Sector Equality Duty

Members are reminded of the requirement, under the Public Sector Equality Duty (section 149 of the Equality Act 2010) to have due regard to the aims of the Duty at the time the decision is taken. The aims of the Duty are: (i) eliminate unlawful discrimination,

harassment, victimisation and other conduct prohibited by the Act, (ii) advance equality of opportunity between people who share a protected characteristic and people who do not share it, and (iii) foster good relations between people who share a protected characteristic and people who do not share it.

Protected characteristics: age, gender, disability, race, sexual orientation, gender reassignment, religion or belief and pregnancy & maternity. Only aim (i) of the Duty applies to Marriage & civil partnership.

This report relates to the following aim of the equality duty: -

- To advance equality of opportunity between people who share a protected characteristic and people who do not share it.

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.

CORPORATE PRIORITIES

This report relates to the following corporate priorities: -

- Growth
- Environment
- Communities

1.0 Introduction and Background

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.

2.0 The Current Situation

2.1 The existing list of executive outside bodies is shown at Annex 1 to the report.

2.2 It is for the Council to decide on those outside bodies it feels relate to an Executive function, but for the Cabinet to agree the nominations to them.

2.3 The existing list of non-executive outside bodies and representatives is shown at Annex 2 to the report.

2.4 It is for the 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.

3.0 Decision making process

3.1 Council is the decision making body.

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Annex List

Annex 1: Existing list of executive outside bodies

Annex 2: Existing list of non-executive outside bodies and representatives

Background Papers

None

Corporate Consultation

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