
Representatives on Outside Bodies

To: **Council - 15 July 2010**

By: **The Leader of Council**

Classification: **Unrestricted**

Ward: **Not applicable**

Summary: **Provides Council the opportunity to review the list of Council representatives serving on Outside Bodies for the municipal year 2010/11**

For Decision

1.0 Introduction and Background

- 1.1 It was agreed at the Annual meeting of Council on 13 May 2010 that: "authority be delegated to the Group Leaders to agree representatives to serve on Outside Bodies and that a revised schedule be submitted to Council for approval at its meeting on 15 July 2010."
- 1.2 A meeting of the Group Leaders took place on 24 June 2010. That meeting considered the terms of reference and other information that had been obtained from the various bodies as indicated in Annex 1. The list of approved outside bodies for the municipal year 2010/11 attached at Annex 1 was agreed by the Group Leaders.

2.0 Representatives on Outside Bodies

- 2.1 The list attached at Annex 1 was compiled considering the following points:
- 2.2 The Outside Bodies list has been split in to two tables: those Outside Bodies that the Head of Legal and Democratic Services felt should have a Cabinet Member appointed to them and those that were open to any Councillor.
- 2.3 The Head of Legal and Democratic Services has suggested that in future the Cabinet should decide upon nominations to those Outside bodies that should have a Cabinet Member appointed to them. It is proposed that a paper to this effect be presented to a future meeting of the Constitutional Review Working Party.
- 2.4 The nominations to Outside Bodies shown in Annex 1 will be made by the Leader. These will be circulated at or before the meeting of Council.

3.0 Changes to Outside Bodies

- 3.1 There are a number of changes to the list of Outside Bodies proposed since the Annual Council meeting on 13 May 2010. Some have been removed as they no longer exist or have changed their names.
- 3.2 Those Outside Bodies that have changed their name are shown within Annex 1. The Outside Body Thanet Care and Repair no longer exists and so has been removed from the list. The East Kent Primary Care Trust has been deleted from the list because Council nominations are not made (their outside representatives are appointed to non-executive roles by interview). The Turner Centre Steering Group and Margate Safer Stronger

Communities Fund Board have been deleted because they have been wound up. The future position of South East England Councils is unclear, but it has been left within the list for the time being.

- 3.3 Members are invited to suggest whether they think the Council should seek nominations on any other suitable outside bodies.

4.0 Future Review of Representative on Outside Bodies

- 4.1 At the above meeting, the three Group Leaders agreed that a fuller review of representation on outside bodies should be undertaken by the end of the Municipal Year with a view to any new arrangements that are agreed being implemented for the 2011/12 Municipal Year.

- 4.2 Such a review could, amongst, other things:

- (a) continue the work identifying the terms of reference of the various bodies
- (b) define the role of elected Members serving on outside bodies
- (c) survey Members serving on outside bodies and those bodies themselves to assess the effectiveness of the arrangements throughout 2010/11
- (d) consider the desirability of the Leader making nominations to serve on outside bodies following an invitation to all Members to express interest in performing such roles
- (e) identify clearly the liabilities (including reporting back on activities undertaken) and indemnities applying to Members performing such roles

5.0 Corporate Implications

5.1 Financial

- 5.1.1 Councillors are entitled to claim travel and subsistence expenses for attendance at meetings of Outside Bodies as they are considered to be "approved duties".

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 the list of appointments to Outside Bodies for the Municipal Year 2010/11 be adopted, as set out in Annex 1 of the report.
- 6.2 That Council agrees the specific nominations of Councillors to serve on those bodies.
- 6.3 That a report be presented to the Constitutional Review Working Party to consider whether in future Cabinet should agree nominations to the Cabinet-related outside bodies.
- 6.4 That by Annual Council in May 2011 a thorough review of Outside Bodies should be undertaken (as outlined in section 4 of the report).

6.5 That Members be invited to suggest whether they think the Council should seek nominations on any other suitable Outside Bodies.

7.0 Decision Making Process

7.1 These are decisions of Council.

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Annex List

<i>Annex 1</i>	<i>List of Appointments to Outside Bodies.</i>
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Background Papers

Title	Details of where to access copy
<i>None</i>	

Corporate Consultation Undertaken

Finance	<i>Not applicable</i>
Legal	<i>Harvey Patterson, Head of Legal & Democratic Services</i>