

Representation on Executive Appointed Outside Bodies for 2023/24

Cabinet	27 July 2023
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Portfolio Holder	Councillor Everitt, Leader of Council
Status	For Decision
Classification:	Unrestricted
Key Decision	No
Ward:	Thanet Wide

Executive Summary:

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

Recommendation(s):

That Cabinet agrees the list of nominations to the Executive-related outside bodies as shown at Annex 1 of the report.

Corporate Implications

Financial and Value for Money

There were no financial implications arising directly from this report.

Legal

There were no legal implications arising directly from this report. 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.

Risk Management

There were no risk implications arising directly from this report.

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, sex, 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: -
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- To eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment, victimisation and other conduct prohibited by the Act.
- To advance equality of opportunity between people who share a protected characteristic and people who do not share it
- To foster good relations between people who share a protected characteristic and people who do not share it.

No implications arise directly but the Council needs to retain a strong focus and understanding on issues of diversity amongst the local community and ensure service delivery matches these.

It was important to be aware of the Council's responsibility under the Public Sector Equality Duty (PSED) and show evidence that due consideration has been given to the equalities impact that may be brought upon communities by the decisions made by Council.

Corporate Priorities

This report relates to the following corporate priorities: -

- Growth
- Environment
- Communities

1.0 Introduction and Background

1.1 It was agreed at the meeting of Council on 24 February 2011 that any list of outside bodies would be split into 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 Leader's delegated powers were amended to allow him to propose his nominations for the Executive outside bodies to the Cabinet.

2.0 The 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 18 May 2023. That list is appended at Annex 1 to the report.
- 2.2 The Leader has provided Democratic Services with his list of nominations to the Executive outside bodies and those names are included in the list at Annex 1 of the report.

3.0 Options

- 3.1 Cabinet could agree the Leader's nominations of council's representatives on the executive appointed outside bodies or
- 3.2 Members could make suggestions for the Leader to consider before agreeing on the nominations.

4.0 Next Steps

- 4.1 Once Cabinet agrees the council's nominations to the executive appointed outside bodies, Democratic Services would then communicate that information to the respective bodies.

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Annex List

Annex 1: List of Executive Appointed Outside Bodies for 2023/24

Background Papers

None

Corporate Consultation

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