

REVIEW OF OUTSIDE BODIES FOR 2023/24

Council	12 October 2023
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Portfolio Holder	Leader of Council
Status	For Decision
Classification	Unrestricted
Key Decision	No

Executive Summary:

This report invites full council agreement to the proposed changes to to update the lists of recognised outside bodies that Thanet District Council can make appointments of Members to serve on these bodies.

Recommendations:

1. That Council agrees the updated list of Executive appointed outside bodies;
2. That Council agrees the updated list of Non-Executive outside bodies.

Corporate Implications

Financial and Value for Money

There are no direct financial implications from this report.

Legal

None

Risk Management

There are 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.

Equalities Act 2010 and 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.

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:

- 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.

1.2 There is a need to review the lists of both executive and non executive appointed outside bodies as it has come to the attention of officers that some of those outside bodies either no longer exist in the original format or no longer wish to be considered as outside bodies for the council to nominate Members for appointment on these bodies.

2.0 The Current Situation

2.1 At Full council Members agreed the two lists of outside bodies as well as the nominations for the non executive outside bodies. This list has now been updated to remove those bodies for the reasons stated in para 1.2 above. The Leader has now proposed the updated lists of Executive and Non-Executive outside bodies. These are shown at Annex 1 and Annex 2.

2.2 It is for Council to decide on both the list of Non-Executive outside bodies. The Leader proposed and Members agreed a list of nominations to the Non-Executive outside bodies at the Council meeting on 18 May 2023. There is therefore no further action required.

2.3 Cabinet also agreed the nominations to executive appointed outside bodies on 27 July 2023. There is therefore no further action required regarding nominations.

3.0 Decision Making Process

3.1 Council is the decision making body.

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Annex List:

Annex 1 - List of Executive appointed outside bodies for 2023/24

Annex 2 - List of Non-Executive outside bodies for 2023/24

Background Papers:

None

Corporate Consultation

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