

CABINET

Wednesday, 13 June 2018

APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES FOR 2018/19 (EXECUTIVE FUNCTIONS) (REP1833)

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1. To consider appointments to statutory and non-statutory Outside Bodies for 2018 /19 where the role relates to an Executive function of the Council as outlined on Appendix A.
2. Annual Council at its meeting held on 16 May 2018 appointed Councillor representatives to Outside Bodies where the role related to a Non-Executive function carried out by the Local Authority.

Is the report Open or Exempt?	Open
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Wards Affected:	Some Outside Body appointments are of a strategic nature, whilst others are directly related to a particular area or Ward.
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Cabinet Member:	Councillor Bee Leader of the Council
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1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The Council undertakes a review of the appointments of Councillors on various Outside Bodies on an annual basis.
- 1.2 The Council at its Annual Meeting held on 16 May 2018 appointed Councillor representatives to Outside Bodies where the role related to a Non-Executive function carried out by the Local Authority. This included those Outside Bodies that allowed Substitutes alongside the Cabinet Member appointment even if it related to an Executive function of the Local Authority.
- 1.3 This report seeks Cabinet nominations on Outside Bodies where the role relates to an Executive function of the local authority and where the relevant Cabinet Member is the most appropriate representative.
- 1.4 Some of the appointments are statutory, whereas others are discretionary based in part on an assessment as to whether the Councillors previously appointed to them are of the opinion there will be on-going value to re-appoint for the following year. The remainder of the appointments are political in nature.
- 1.5 Appointment of Members to Outside Bodies provides support to the organisation concerned, enables Councillors to fulfil their community leadership roles and enables appropriate monitoring of performance / budgets in line with best practice.
- 1.6 Councillors appointed to Outside Bodies are able to work with and alongside local community groups, helping to empower them in terms of addressing local issues and delivering sustainable solutions.
- 1.7 Appointments made to Outside Bodies should be sensitive to the need to represent as far as possible the diverse nature of the local community.
- 1.8 There are several Outside Bodies onto which a Councillor is appointed to represent the joint interests of Suffolk Coastal and Waveney District Councils that aims to strengthen the on-going partnership between the two Councils, whilst at the same drawing on the experience and expertise of the Councillor best suited to fulfil such a role. This includes the Suffolk Health & Wellbeing Board.

2 EVALUATION PROCESS

- 2.1 A regular review of the list of Outside Bodies helps to ensure relevance and appropriateness of membership by applying basic criteria including the following:-
 - The appointment is necessary to fulfil one or more of the Council's statutory functions.
 - The appointment is necessary to protect the Council's investment and assets
 - There was not a significant cost and resource implication for the Council when measured against any accrued benefit.
 - The balance or risk of any detrimental impact on the Council were it not represented.
 - The appointment raises the profile of the Council at a national or regional level

- The appointment furthers the Council's corporate priorities which are outlined in the Council's East Suffolk Business Plan for 2015 – 2023.
- The Council works in partnership with a number of the Outside Bodies in a variety of ways, some more directly than others because of the existence of service level agreements or by holding corporate positions on organisations because of legal agreements.

2.2 There is an obligation imposed upon the Council to appoint to a number of the Outside Bodies either because it is a statutory requirement or a requirement of the Outside Body's Constitution (these organisations are marked with an asterisk*).

2.3 Feedback received throughout the year has been fed into the proposals below for Member representation on Outside Bodies for the 2018 / 19 municipal year.

3 FINANCIAL AND GOVERNANCE IMPLICATIONS

3.1 Appointments to Outside Bodies by reference to Cabinet Member areas of responsibility, rather than the naming of individual Councillors, provides the flexibility for the Leader of the Council to make changes to Councillors holding Cabinet positions without referral back to Cabinet.

3.2 Those Members formally appointed to external organisations as the Council's representative are able to claim expenses in accordance with the Members' Allowance Scheme. These costs can be met from existing resources.

3.3 Advice, development and support for Councillors will help to ensure that the contributions they make on Outside Bodies will positively impact on the effectiveness of the organisation and the wider community. Appointments to Outside Bodies enhance the Councillors' representative and community leadership role.

3.4 Appointments to Outside Bodies may be made under the general power in Section 2 of the Local Government Act 2000 - to do anything which is likely to promote the economic, social or environmental wellbeing of the area, unless specifically prohibited.

3.5 The process of Cabinet approving appointments to Outside Bodies where the role relates to an Executive function of the Council is consistent with the Articles within the Constitution.

3.6 Details of the Council's representation on Outside Bodies are included on the Council's website, along with Councillor representation on Committees and Working Groups.

3.7 A schedule detailing the Outside Bodies on which Cabinet Member representation is sought is attached as Appendix A to this report.

4 CONSULTATION

4.1 Consultation was undertaken with external organisations as part of the review process for Outside Bodies as appropriate. Officers were also consulted regarding future / on-going representation on the groups/bodies listed. Other key partners have been consulted where appropriate.

5 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

5.1 None – The Council needs to engage and work with external organisations to deliver the priorities identified within the Council's East Suffolk Business Plan for 2015 – 2023.

6 REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION

6.1 To enable Council representation on Outside Bodies for Executive functions deemed relevant to the Council’s community and business interests.

RECOMMENDATION

That the relevant Cabinet Members be appointed to those Outside Bodies outlined on Appendix A for the 2018/19 municipal year.

APPENDICES

Appendix A	Nominations Schedule for Outside Body Appointments for Executive functions for 2018/19.
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BACKGROUND PAPERS – None