



Urgent Item of Business

CABINET

Tuesday, 22 September 2015

APPOINTMENT TO SOUTHWOLD HARBOUR LANDS JOINT COMMITTEE (REP1304)

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

To consider the appointment of Cabinet Members to the Southwold Harbour Lands Joint Committee.

Is the report Open or Exempt?	Open
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Wards Affected:	Southwold
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Cabinet Member:	Councillor C Law – Leader of the Council (01502) 573389 / 07964 040531
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1 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 At a simultaneous meeting of Waveney District Council Cabinet and Southwold Town Council on 28 July 2014, the Councils decided to replace the previous Southwold Harbour Lands Working Group with a Joint Committee. The Joint Committee was delegated authority to act as the Initial Strategic Board for the Southwold Harbour Lands and to take forward the other detailed recommendations that were approved at that meeting.
- 1.2 It was resolved that the Joint Committee adopts the terms of reference of the original joint working group; and that Waveney District Council Cabinet and Southwold Town Council would each appoint four of their Councillors and two named Substitutes to the Joint Committee.
- 1.3 In accordance with the resolutions agreed at the Simultaneous Waveney District Council Cabinet and Southwold Town Council meeting held on 28 July 2014, formal appointments to the Southwold Harbour Lands Joint Committee were made by the Cabinet at its meeting on 23 September 2014.
- 1.4 This report now seeks to make formal appointments to the Southwold Harbour Lands Joint Committee for the 2015/16 municipal year. The membership of the Joint Committee need to be Cabinet Members given that this is a body with executive-level decision making powers.

2 FINANCIAL AND GOVERNANCE IMPLICATIONS

- 2.1 The establishment and servicing of the Joint Committee can be achieved from existing Council budgets.
- 2.2 The Joint Committee has adopted the legal procedures required by Executive Committees of Waveney District Council for the arrangement of meetings and decision making.
- 2.3 The quorum of the Joint Committee is a minimum of three Councillors, and the Committee will only be quorate when at least one of the Councillors appointed from each of the Councils is present.

3 REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 To ensure that formal Cabinet Member appointments are made to the Southwold Harbour Lands Joint Committee as part of the appropriate governance arrangements for the Joint Committee.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That Councillors M Barnard, C Law, D Ritchie and M Rudd be appointed to the Southwold Harbour Lands Joint Committee for 2015/16.
2. That Councillors F Mortimer and L Smith be appointed to the Southwold Harbour Lands Joint Committee as Substitute Members for 2015/16, who may attend meetings of the Joint Committee in the absence of an appointed Member.

APPENDICES

Appendix A

Southwold Harbour Lands Joint Committee - Terms of Reference

BACKGROUND PAPERS - None



Waveney District Council
Serving the Community



Southwold Harbour Lands Joint Committee

TERMS OF REFERENCE

1. The Southwold Harbour Lands Joint Committee is a formal Joint Committee of Southwold Town Council and Waveney District Council. The Joint Committee has delegated decision-making powers from both Councils and executive decision-making powers from Waveney District Council. The Joint Committee will operate as the 'Strategic Board' for the Harbour Lands, providing a strategic steer ensuring compliance with legislation and holding to account the 'management' for the operation and delivery of the lands, within budgets set aside by both Councils.
2. Both Councils acknowledge that there are various complex historical and current issues that prevent any simple transfer or devolution of Southwold Harbour and its associated lands to any existing or other body. The Councils will however work through the Joint Working Group to overcome these collective challenges and to jointly seek to enable:
 - (i) In the short term, more local involvement and engagement in the management and delivery of Southwold Harbour and all other activities on the wider Southwold Harbour lands and
 - (ii) In the medium term, implementation of a revised local model for the delivery of Southwold Harbour and its associated lands that addresses the future ownership, and long term sustainability, responsibility, liability and delivery.
3. The Joint Committee will adopt the legal procedures required by executive committees of Waveney District Council for the arrangement of meetings and decision-making.
4. The quorum for the Joint Committee will be a minimum of three Councillors and the Committee will only be quorate when at least one of the Councillors appointed from each of the Councils is present.