

**COUNCIL**

Wednesday, 25 January 2017

**APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES FOR 2016/17 (NON-EXECUTIVE FUNCTIONS)  
(REP1518)**

**PURPOSE OF REPORT**

1. To review the Council's representation on the Pride in Beccles Board, following the resignation of Councillor C Topping.
2. To review the Council's representation on the Active Waveney Sports Partnership, following the resignation of Councillor M Ladd.
3. To consider the appointment of an additional Opposition Group Member to the Marina Theatre Board.

Is the report Open or Exempt?	Open
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<b>Wards Affected:</b>	All Wards in the District
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## **1 INTRODUCTION**

- 1.1 The Annual Council meeting held on 18 May 2016 approved appointments to Committees, Working Groups and Councillor representation on a wide range of diverse Outside Bodies, as part of the governance arrangements for the Council for the 2016/17 Municipal Year.
- 1.2 The Cabinet, at its meeting on 22 June 2016, considered representation on Outside Bodies where the role relates to an Executive function of the local authority and where the relevant Cabinet Member was the most appropriate representative.

## **2 NON EXECUTIVE REPRESENTATION ON THE PRIDE IN BECCLES BOARD OUTSIDE BODY**

- 2.1 At the Annual Council meeting held on 18 May 2016, Councillor C Topping was appointed to the Pride in Beccles Board, as the one of the Council's representatives.
- 2.2 Since that meeting, Councillor C Topping has resigned from the Pride in Beccles Board, as she is no longer able to attend their meetings which now take place during the day.
- 2.3 As the representative needs to be a Beccles Ward Councillor, Councillor G Catchpole has been nominated to represent the Council on this Outside Body and he is able to attend meetings which take place during the day.
- 2.4 It is therefore proposed that Councillor G Catchpole be appointed to the Pride in Beccles Board, to replace Councillor C Topping with immediate effect.

## **3 NON EXECUTIVE REPRESENTATION ON THE ACTIVE WAVENEY SPORTS PARTNERSHIP OUTSIDE BODY**

- 3.1 At the Annual Council meeting held on 18 May 2016, Councillor M Ladd, Cabinet Member for Tourism, Economic Development & Rural Affairs, was appointed to the Active Waveney Sports Partnership, as one of the Council's representatives.
- 3.2 Since that meeting, there has been some discussion regarding this Outside Body and it is felt that it would be more appropriate for the Cabinet Member for Community Health and Safety to attend these meetings, as it would sit better within that Portfolio.
- 3.3 Although it is a Non Executive Appointment, the representative who fills this position needs to be a Cabinet Member.
- 3.4 It is therefore proposed that Councillor M Rudd be appointed to the Active Waveney Sports Partnership, to replace Councillor M Ladd with immediate effect.

## **4 NON EXECUTIVE REPRESENTATION ON THE MARINA THEATRE PARTNERSHIP BOARD**

- 4.1 The Cabinet Member for Operational Partnerships & Lowestoft Rising recently suggested to the Marina Theatre Partnership Board that it would be useful to appoint an additional co-opted Member to their Board, from the largest Opposition Group. This would allow the largest Opposition Group to be fully involved with the oversight of the Marina Theatre and this suggestion has been formally agreed.
- 4.2 Following discussions, it has been proposed that Councillor S Barker be appointed to the Marina Theatre Partnership Board with immediate effect.

## **5 FINANCIAL AND GOVERNANCE IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.1 Those Members formally appointed to external organisations as the Council's representative or the Council's Committees are able to claim expenses in accordance with the Members' Allowance Scheme. These costs can be met from existing resources.
- 5.2 Appointments to Outside Bodies enhance the Councillors' representative and community leadership role. Council representation also enables positive influence on the effectiveness of an organisation for the benefit of the wider community.
- 5.3 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.
- 5.4 The process of Council approving appointments to Outside Bodies where the role relates to a Non-Executive function of the Council is consistent with the Articles within the Constitution.

## **6 CONSULTATION**

- 6.1 The Leader of the Council, Leader of the Labour Group and Beccles Ward Councillors were all consulted regarding representation on the Planning Committee, Pride in Beccles Board and the Marina Theatre Partnership Board.

## **7 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED**

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

## **8 REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION**

- 8.1 To ensure the Council meets its legal obligations in terms of Council representation on Council Committees and Outside Bodies.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

1. That Councillor G Catchpole replaces Councillor C Topping as the Council's representative on the Pride in Beccles Outside Body with immediate effect.
2. That Councillor M Rudd replaces Councillor M Ladd as the Council's representative on the Active Waveney Sports Partnership Outside Body with immediate effect.
3. That Councillor S Barker be appointed to the Marina Theatre Partnership Board, as the co-opted Majority Opposition Group Member, with immediate effect.

### **APPENDICES – None**

### **BACKGROUND PAPERS – None**