

CABINET

Wednesday, 13 February 2019

APPOINTMENT OF A NAMED SUBSTITUTE TO THE SUFFOLK HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD (EXECUTIVE FUNCTION) (REP1985)

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1. To consider the appointment of a named Substitute to the Suffolk Health and Wellbeing Board Outside Body.

Is the report Open or Exempt?	Open
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Wards Affected:	All Wards in the District
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Cabinet Member:	Councillor M 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 The Cabinet, at its meeting held on 13 June 2018, appointed Cabinet Member representatives 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.

2 SUFFOLK HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

- 2.1 At the Cabinet meeting on 13 June 2018, Councillor M Rudd, Cabinet Member for Community Health & Safety, was appointed as the Council's representative on the Suffolk Health and Wellbeing Board.
- 2.2 Since that meeting, we have been advised that it is possible to appoint a Substitute for these meetings, should Councillor Rudd be unable to attend a meeting.
- 2.3 Discussions have therefore taken place and it is proposed that Councillor A Cackett, Chairman of the Overview & Scrutiny Committee, be the named Substitute for Councillor M Rudd on the Suffolk Health and Wellbeing Board.
- 2.4 It is also proposed that Councillor A Cackett be the named Substitute for Councillor M Rudd, where Substitution is allowed, for any other health related Outside Bodies.

3 FINANCIAL AND GOVERNANCE IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 Councillors are able to claim expenses for attending Outside Body meetings which will be met from within the Council's agreed Scheme of Members' Allowances budget for 2018/19.
- 3.2 It is beneficial for the Council to engage and work with external organisations, which are relevant to the Council's community and business interests.

4 CONSULTATION

- 4.1 Consultation was undertaken with Councillor Rudd and the Leader of the Council.

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 Councillor A Cackett be appointed as the named Substitute for Councillor M Rudd on the Suffolk Health and Wellbeing Board, and for any other health related Outside Bodies where Substitution is appropriate, for the remainder of the 2018/19 municipal year.

APPENDICES – None

BACKGROUND PAPERS – None