



FULL COUNCIL

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Subject	Appointments to Outside Bodies for 2022/23 (Non-Executive)
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Is the report Open or Exempt?	OPEN
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Category of Exempt Information and reason why it is NOT in the public interest to disclose the exempt information.	Not applicable
Wards Affected:	All Wards

Purpose and high-level overview

Purpose of Report:

Council is asked to consider Appointments to Outside Bodies (Non-Executive) for the 2022/23 Municipal Year, as outlined at Appendix A of this report.

Options:

The Council needs and wishes to engage and work with external organisations, including the Outside Bodies listed in Appendix A, to continue to deliver the priorities identified in the East Suffolk Strategic Plan.

Recommendations:

1. That Councillors be appointed to those Outside Bodies listed in Appendix A for the 2022/23 Municipal Year.
2. That the Leader of the Council be authorised to fill any outstanding vacancies left unfilled by Council.
3. That the Leader be granted delegated authority to make any necessary changes to the membership of the Outside Bodies for the remainder of the 2022/23 Municipal Year, in consultation with the other Group Leaders.

Corporate Impact Assessment

Governance:

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.

The process of Council approving appointments to Outside Bodies, where the role relates to a Non-Executive function of the Council, adheres to the requirements of the Council's Constitution.

Details of the Council's representation on Outside Bodies are included on the Council's website.

Members appointed to Outside Bodies will be asked to present a short report to Full Council, at least once per year, on the work of the Outside Body.

ESC policies and strategies that directly apply to the proposal:

None.

Environmental:

None.

Equalities and Diversity:

None.

Financial:

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

Human Resources:

None.

ICT:

None.

Legal:

None.

Risk:

Members must consider the implications and responsibilities of being involved with Outside Bodies as they must continue to comply with the District Council's Code of Conduct when they are acting as a representative of the Council; comply with the Code of Conduct of the Outside Body they are appointed to if one exists; and declare a personal interest in any business of the District Council as necessary.

External Consultees:	None.
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Strategic Plan Priorities

Select the priorities of the Strategic Plan which are supported by this proposal: (Select only one primary and as many secondary as appropriate)		Primary priority	Secondary priorities
T01	Growing our Economy		
P01	Build the right environment for East Suffolk	☐	☐
P02	Attract and stimulate inward investment	☐	☐
P03	Maximise and grow the unique selling points of East Suffolk	☐	☐
P04	Business partnerships	☐	☐
P05	Support and deliver infrastructure	☐	☐
T02	Enabling our Communities		
P06	Community Partnerships	☐	☐
P07	Taking positive action on what matters most	☒	☐
P08	Maximising health, well-being and safety in our District	☐	☐
P09	Community Pride	☐	☒
T03	Maintaining Financial Sustainability		
P10	Organisational design and streamlining services	☐	☐
P11	Making best use of and investing in our assets	☐	☐
P12	Being commercially astute	☐	☐
P13	Optimising our financial investments and grant opportunities	☐	☐
P14	Review service delivery with partners	☐	☐
T04	Delivering Digital Transformation		

P15	Digital by default	☐	☐
P16	Lean and efficient streamlined services	☐	☐
P17	Effective use of data	☐	☐
P18	Skills and training	☐	☐
P19	District-wide digital infrastructure	☐	☐
T05	Caring for our Environment		
P20	Lead by example	☐	☐
P21	Minimise waste, reuse materials, increase recycling	☐	☐
P22	Renewable energy	☐	☐
P23	Protection, education and influence	☐	☐
XXX	Governance		
XXX	How ESC governs itself as an authority	☐	☒
How does this proposal support the priorities selected? Councillors appointed to outside bodies are able to work to help address local issues and to achieve sustainable solutions. This will help to deliver a strong and sustainable local economy and help to improve the quality of life for everyone living and working in the District.			

Background and Justification for Recommendation

1 Background facts	
1.1	The Council appoints annually to a wide range of diverse Outside Bodies. The Council considers member representation on Outside Bodies when the role relates to a Non-Executive function carried out by the local authority; the Executive considers representation on Outside Bodies where the role relates to an Executive function of the local authority; and the Scrutiny Committee considers representation on Outside Bodies where the role relates to a Scrutiny function of the local authority.
1.2	Some appointments to Outside Bodies are made because of a statutory requirement to appoint one or more members to them. Most appointments to Outside Bodies are discretionary taking into consideration how representation on them adds value.
1.3	Appointment of members to Outside Bodies provides support to the organisation concerned and enables members to fulfil their community leadership roles.
1.4	Members 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.

2 Current position	
2.1	Members were last appointed to Outside Bodies (Non-Executive) 2021/22 by Full Council at its Annual meeting in May 2021.
2.2	A review of all the Outside Bodies appointments was undertaken in April 2022.
2.3	The following Outside Body (Non Executive) has been removed from the list: Felixstowe Forward – no longer in operation.

3 How to address current situation	
3.1	Outside Bodies can gain a number of benefits from having a Council representative on them, which include: • To represent the interests of the Council and to promote the strategic aims of its Strategic Plan; • To provide knowledge, skills and expertise which may not otherwise be available; • To provide local accountability or democratic legitimacy through the appointment of an elected representative; • To ensure that good relationships can be maintained with the body; • To deliver a partnership project that requires the input of other organisations or community groups; • To protect the Council's investments or assets i.e., if the Council has provided grant funding or provides funding for service delivery; • To lever in external funding which is not available to the Council on its own.
3.2	Taking account of all information provided within the report, Members are asked to consider the content of Appendix A.

4 Reason for recommendation	
4.1	To ensure that members are appointed to Outside Bodies (Non-Executive) for 2022/23.

Appendices

Appendices:	
Appendix A	Proposed list of appointments to Outside Bodies (Non-Executive) for 2022/23.

Background reference papers:	
None.	