



COUNCIL

Wednesday, 24 July 2019

APPOINTMENTS TO WORKING GROUPS 2019/20

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1. To consider the continuation and membership of Working Groups for the 2019/20 municipal year.

Is the report Open or Exempt?	Open
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Wards Affected:	All Wards in the District
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Cabinet Member:	Leader of the Council
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1 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The Council appoints to a number of Working Groups each year as part of its corporate governance framework in support of the democratic process and decision-making arrangements.
- 1.2 The proposed Working Groups for 2019 / 20 are:
 - The Local Plan Working Group
 - The Housing Benefits and Tenant Services Consultation Group
 - The Member Development Steering Group
 - The Lowestoft Transport and Infrastructure Prospectus Steering Group
- 1.3 The Working Groups have clear terms of reference outlining their roles, responsibilities and reporting mechanisms, thereby increasing openness and transparency and making the best use of resources. This information is contained within Appendix A.
- 1.4 Where specific post holder nominations are required, these are also outlined in Appendix A.

2 HOW DOES THIS RELATE TO THE EAST SUFFOLK BUSINESS PLAN?

- 2.1 Councillors appointed to Working Groups work to help address local issues and to achieve sustainable solutions. This will help to deliver a strong and sustainable local economy and to help improve the quality of life for everyone living and working in the District.

3 FINANCIAL AND GOVERNANCE IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 Appointment to Working Groups enables more in-depth consideration to be given to specific issues.
- 3.2 Members appointed to Working Groups are able to claim expenses in accordance with the Members' Allowance Scheme and these costs can be accommodated within existing resources.
- 3.3 Reviewing Councillor representation on Working Groups ensures that they are still relevant and fit for purpose and allows back bench Councillors to concentrate on their community leadership roles within their own Wards.

4 CONSULTATION

- 4.1 Consultation has been undertaken with the Group Leaders, seeking nominations for the Working Group positions.

5 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 5.1 Working Groups are set up to examine specific issues in-depth prior to recommendations being put forward to the relevant decision-making body. Should the Council decide not to appoint to the Working Groups, then the opportunity for more in-depth consideration of issues could be lost.

6 REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION

- 6.1 To ensure that Members are appointed to Working Groups for the 2019 / 2020 municipal year.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the membership of the Member Development Steering Group and the Lowestoft Transport and Infrastructure Prospectus Steering Group for the 2019/20 Municipal Year be appointed, as supplied by Group Leaders.
2. That nominations be sought and Councillors appointed to the outstanding vacancies outlined within Appendix A to the report, for the Local Plan Working Group and the Housing Benefits and Tenant Services Consultation Group.
3. That the Leader be granted Delegated Authority to make any necessary changes to the membership of the Working Groups for the remainder of the 2019/20 Municipal Year, in consultation with the other Group Leaders.

APPENDICES

Appendix A	Schedule of Working Groups Nominations for 2019/20
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BACKGROUND PAPERS – None