



## SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Thursday 24 September 2020

### APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES FOR 2020/21 (SCRUTINY FUNCTIONS)

#### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Scrutiny Committee is asked to consider the appointments to Outside Bodies (Scrutiny Functions) for the remainder of the 2020/21 Municipal Year, as outlined at Appendix A of this report.

Is the report Open or Exempt?	Open
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<b>Wards Affected:</b>	All
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<b>Cabinet Member:</b>	Councillor Steve Gallant, Leader of the Council
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## **1 INTRODUCTION**

- 1.1 The Council, at its meeting on 22 May 2019, considered representation on Outside Bodies and decided that the Scrutiny Committee would collectively appoint to the two Outside Bodies shown at Appendix A to this report.
- 1.2 The appointment of Councillors 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.
- 1.3 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. HOW DOES THIS RELATE TO THE EAST SUFFOLK STRATEGIC PLAN?**

- 2.1 Councillors appointed to Outside Bodies can work with and alongside local communities, helping to empower them in terms of addressing local issues to achieve sustainable solutions.
- 2.2 Councillors appointed to Outside Bodies will also work with local communities to deliver a strong and sustainable local economy and help them to feel engaged, valued, and empowered to improve the quality of life for everyone living and working in the District

## **3. FINANCIAL AND GOVERNANCE IMPLICATIONS**

- 3.1 Those Councillors formally appointed to external organisations as the Council's representative can claim expenses in accordance with the Members' Allowance Scheme. These costs can be met from existing resources.
- 3.2 Councillors appointed to Outside Bodies will have the opportunity to positively impact on the effectiveness of the organisation and the wider community.
- 3.3 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.
- 3.4 The formally appointed Councillors will be invited to provide a written update to Full Council once a year.
- 3.5 Details of the Council's representation on Outside Bodies are included on the Council's website.

## **4. OTHER KEY ISSUES**

- 4.1 None. The Council needs to appoint to Outside Bodies to carry out its business effectively and enables Members the opportunity to carry out their community leadership role. This report has been prepared having considered the results of an Equality Impact Assessment (EQIA 248116491); no negative impacts were identified.

## 5. CONSULTATION

5.1 Key partners have been consulted where appropriate

## 6. OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

6.1 None – the Council needs to engage and work with external organisations, including the Outside Bodies listed at Appendix A, to continue to deliver the priorities identified in the East Suffolk Strategic Plan.

## 7. REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION

7.1 To consider appropriate representation on Outside Bodies as deemed relevant to the Council's community and business interests

### RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That Councillors be appointed by the Scrutiny Committee to those Outside Bodies with Scrutiny Functions, as outlined in Appendix A, for the remainder of the 2020/21 Municipal Year.
2. That designated Substitutes also be appointed to attend the Outside Bodies indicated at Appendix A in the event that the primary appointee is unavailable
3. That, unless otherwise stated, the Leader of the Council be authorised to appoint to any outstanding vacancies left unfilled by the Scrutiny Committee or that arise throughout the 2020/21 Municipal Year.

### APPENDICES

<b>Appendix A</b>	Outside Bodies with Scrutiny Functions
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**BACKGROUND PAPERS** - Please note that copies of background papers have not been published on the Council's website [www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk](http://www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk) but copies of the background papers listed below are available for public inspection free of charge by contacting the relevant Council Department.

Date	Type	Available From
2019	Review of the Outside Bodies and their membership requirements	<a href="mailto:democraticservices@eastsuffolk.gov.uk">democraticservices@eastsuffolk.gov.uk</a>