



ANNUAL COUNCIL

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APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES FOR 2020/21 (NON-EXECUTIVE)

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council is asked to consider appointments to Outside Bodies (Non-Executive) for the 2020/21 Municipal Year, as outlined at Appendix A of this report.

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| Is the report Open or Exempt? | Open |
| Wards Affected: | Some Outside Body appointments are of a strategic nature, whilst others are directly related to a particular area or Ward. |
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1 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 In accordance with Part 2 (Section B) of the Council's Constitution, the Council will be appointing Councillor representatives to Outside Bodies where the role relates to a Non-Executive function, as outlined in Appendix A to this report.
- 1.2 The Cabinet, at its meeting on 6 October 2020, will consider representation on Outside Bodies where the role relates to an Executive function. Similarly, Scrutiny Committee will also consider representation on Outside Bodies where the role relates to a scrutiny function.
- 1.3 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.
- 1.4 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 are able to 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 are able to claim expenses in accordance with the Members' Allowance Scheme. These costs can be met from existing resources.
- 3.2 Councillors appointed to Outside Bodies 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 process of Council approving appointments to Outside Bodies, where the role relates to a Non-Executive function of the Council, adheres to the articles within the Council's Constitution.
- 3.5 Details of the Council's representation on Outside Bodies are included on the Council's website, along with the representation on Committees, Sub-Committees, and Task Groups.

4 OTHER KEY ISSUES

- 4.1 None. The Council needs to appoint to Outside Bodies in order to carry out its business effectively and enable Members the opportunity to carry out their community leadership role.

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 RECOMMENDATIONS

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

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That Councillors be appointed to those Outside Bodies outlined in Appendix A for the 2020/21 Municipal Year.
2. That, unless otherwise stated, 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 2020/21 Municipal Year, in consultation with the other Group Leaders.

APPENDICES

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| Appendix A | List of Outside Bodies for 2020/21 (Non-Executive) – To Follow |
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BACKGROUND PAPERS - None