



ANNUAL COUNCIL

Wednesday 23 September 2020

APPOINTMENTS TO WORKING GROUPS 2020/21

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

To consider the continuation and membership of Working Groups for the 2020/21 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 and in support of the democratic process and decision-making arrangements.
- 1.2 Details of the proposed Working Groups for 2020/21 are outlined on Appendix A.
- 1.3 The Working Groups have clear terms of reference outlining their roles, responsibilities and reporting mechanisms, thereby increasing openness, transparency and making the best use of resources.
- 1.4 Where specific post holder nominations are required, these are outlined on the Appendix.

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

- 2.1 Councillors appointed to Working Groups 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.

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 remain 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 will be undertaken with the relevant Political Group Leaders to seek 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 2020/21 Municipal Year.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the membership of Working Groups for the 2020/21 Municipal Year, as nominated by the Political Group Leaders and detailed at Appendix A, be appointed.
2. That the Leader be granted Delegated Authority to make any necessary changes to the membership of the Working Groups for the remainder of the 2020/21 Municipal Year, in consultation with the other Group Leaders.

APPENDICES	
Appendix A	Schedule of Working Groups Nominations for 2020/21 – To Follow

BACKGROUND PAPERS – None
