

Appointments to Committees and Outside Bodies

Report of the Democracy and Governance Portfolio Holder

Recommended:

1. That Councillor Tasker be appointed as the Council representative to the Andover Crisis and Support Centre.
2. That Councillor Adams-King be appointed as the Council representative to the Project Integra Management Board, and that Councillor P North be appointed as Deputy.
3. That Councillor Maltby be appointed as the Council representative and Councillor Swain be appointed as the deputy representative to the Partnership for South Hampshire Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee.
4. That the Planning Portfolio Holder be permitted to sit on Development Management Committees.

SUMMARY:

- Council approval is sought for the appointment of Member representatives to a number of the Council's Outside Bodies.

1 Background

- 1.1 Appointment of Members to committees and outside bodies is made at Annual Council each year, with current appointments being approved at Annual Council held on 19 May 2021.
- 1.2 Following the Leader's decision on 27 October 2021 which amended Cabinet Member portfolios and portfolio responsibilities, a number of changes to Councillors who represent the Council on outside bodies are required along with a change to the membership of development management committees in order to reflect the new portfolios.
- 1.3 Council is responsible for appointing Member representatives to committees and those outside bodies identified in the report.

2 Introduction

- 2.1 Due to the appointment of Councillor Tasker as the Council's Housing and Environmental Health (including Diversity and Inclusion) portfolio holder it is recommended that she replaces Councillor Bundy as the Council's representative to the Andover Crisis and Support Centre.
- 2.2 Due to the appointment of Councillor Adams-King as the Council's Recycling, Environmental Services and Parking portfolio holder it is recommended that he replaces Councillor Johnston as the Council's representative to Project Integra. It is also recommended that Councillor P North be appointed as deputy representative to Project Integra.

- 2.3 Councillor Bundy has resigned from his position as the Council's representative to the Partnership for South Hampshire Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee. Following agreement at Cabinet on 27 October 2021, Councillor Bundy, as the Planning Portfolio Holder has been appointed as deputy to the Partnership for South Hampshire.
- 2.4 Due to the appointment of Councillor Bundy as the deputy to the Partnership for South Hampshire, it is recommended that Councillor Maltby be appointed as the Council's representative and Councillor Swain be appointed as the deputy representative to the Partnership for South Hampshire Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee.
- 2.5 As part of the review of area planning committees undertaken in 2019, Council approved a number of recommendations including that The Leader, Deputy Leader and Planning Portfolio Holder will not be permitted to sit on either of the new development management committees; northern area and southern area.
- 2.6 At the time, the Planning portfolio holder held responsibility for the Council's town centre regeneration work. Following the Leader's decision on 27 October 2021 this responsibility now sits with the Strategic Regeneration and Partnership (North and South) portfolios which are held by the Leader and Deputy Leader respectively.

3 Options

- 3.1 Option 1 (Recommended) - To make the appointments to the committees and outside bodies as set out in the report.
- 3.2 Option 2 - To not make the appointments to the committees and outside bodies as set out in the report.
- 3.3 Option 3 - For Council to appoint different Members to be the Council's representatives to those committees and outside bodies identified in the report.

4 Options Appraisal

4.1 Option 1

- 4.2 The recommended appointment of Councillors to committees and outside bodies as set out in the report reflects the amendments to portfolios and portfolio responsibilities following the Leader's decision on 27 October 2021. The recommended Members are best placed, due to their portfolio holder responsibilities, to represent the Council on the committees and outside bodies identified.
- 4.3 Councillors Maltby and Swain are recommended for appointment to the Partnership for South Hampshire Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee as local ward members.

4.4 Option 2

4.5 Council could choose not to make the appointments as recommended, in which case the current representatives approved at Annual Council on 19 May would remain. This is not recommended as the previously appointed Members are no longer in an appropriate position to best serve the Council on these outside bodies.

4.6 An appointment to the Partnership for South Hampshire Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee is required due to the resignation of Councillor Bundy.

4.7 Should Council choose not to allow the Planning portfolio holder to sit on development management committees then there will be a vacancy on the Southern Area Planning committee. This vacancy will require a Council appointment. In order to maintain political balance this appointment will need to be a Conservative Member.

4.8 Option 3

4.9 Council could choose to appoint other Councillors to the positions identified in the report however it is considered that those identified in the report are best placed to represent the Council at this time.

4.10 For the reasons set out at paragraphs 4.2 and 4.3 above, Option 1 is the recommended option.

5 Risk Management

5.1 No risks have been identified.

6 Resource Implications

6.1 There are no resource implications.

7 Legal Implications

7.1 There are no legal implications. A resolution of full Council is required to change the appointments made to outside bodies.

8 Equality Issues

8.1 None are identified.

9 Other Issues

9.1 Community Safety – None.

9.2 Environmental Health Issues – None.

9.3 Sustainability and Addressing a Changing Climate – None.

9.4 Property Issues – None.

9.5 Wards/Communities Affected – None.

10 Conclusion and reasons for recommendation

10.1 It is recommended that Councillors are appointed to the committees and outside bodies as set out in the report in order to reflect changes made to portfolios and portfolio holder responsibilities following the Leader's decision on 27 October 2021.

<u>Background Papers (Local Government Act 1972 Section 100D)</u>			
None			
<u>Confidentiality</u>			
It is considered that this report does not contain exempt information within the meaning of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended) and can be made public.			
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