

# Appointments to Outside Bodies

Report of the Democracy and Governance Portfolio Holder

## Recommended:

1. That Councillor Cattell be appointed as the Council's representative to Finding Freedom from Abuse.
2. That Dorothy Baverstock be appointed as the Council's representative to Unity.

### SUMMARY:

Council approval is sought for the appointment of Council representatives to outside bodies.

## 1 Introduction

- 1.1 This report sets out details of a number of appointments to outside bodies for which Council approval is required.

## 2 Background

- 2.1 The Council's outside bodies are normally appointed at Annual Council in May each year.
- 2.2 Following the Annual Council meeting held on 24 May 2023, Finding Freedom from Abuse have confirmed that they would like a representative from Test Valley Borough Council to be appointed to their organisation.
- 2.3 Unity have also since confirmed their wish for a representative to be appointed to their organisation on behalf of Test Valley Borough Council.

## 3 Corporate Objectives and Priorities

- 3.1 The appointments to Finding Freedom from Abuse and Unity supports community and voluntary organisations and our communities which contribute to the Council's Corporate Objectives.

## 4 Options and Option Appraisal

- 4.1 Finding Freedom from Abuse.
- 4.2 Option 1 – not to appoint to Finding Freedom from Abuse.

- 4.3 Finding Freedom from Abuse have indicated that a Council representative is valued by the organisation. Not making an appointment could result in a weaker working relationship with Finding Freedom from Abuse which provides support to vulnerable members of the community.
- 4.4 Option 2 – to appoint to Finding Freedom from Abuse.
- 4.5 This is the recommended option.
- 4.6 Appointing a Councillor to Finding Freedom from Abuse will allow the Council to maintain a good working relationship with the organisation who have requested support in the form of a member representative, and share knowledge and ideas.
- 4.7 It is proposed that Councillor Cattell be appointed.
- 4.8 Unity
- Option 1 – not to appoint to Unity.
- 4.9 Unity have confirmed that they still wish for the Council to appoint a non-voting representative to their management board. The person appointed may be, but does not need to be, a member of the Council.
- Option 1 – to appoint to Unity.
- 4.10 This is the recommended option.
- 4.11 Historically the Council has appointed both councillor and non-councillor representatives to outside bodies depending on circumstances and the needs and requirements of the outside body making a request for representation.
- 4.12 Appointing a representative to Unity will continue to strengthen the Council's relationship with Unity who provide services to communities across the borough.
- 4.13 Former Councillor Baverstock, who retired from her role at the Borough Council in May 2023, has worked closely with Unity in her role as a councillor and it is therefore proposed that Mrs Baverstock be appointed as the Council's representative to maintain continuity and to continue to share knowledge and skills.

## **5 Resource Implications**

- 5.1 There are no resource implications identified with the proposed appointments to Finding Freedom from Abuse and Unity.

## **6 Legal Implications**

- 6.1 There are no identified legal implications associated with the appointment to Finding Freedom from Abuse or Unity.

## **7 Equality Issues**

- 7.1 None identified.

## 8 Other Issues

- 8.1 Community Safety – none.
- 8.2 Environmental Health Issues – none.
- 8.3 Sustainability and Addressing a Changing Climate – none.
- 8.4 Property Issues – none.
- 8.5 Wards/Communities Affected – none.

## 9 Conclusion

- 9.1 It is recommended that Councillor Cattell be appointed to Finding Freedom from Abuse in order for the Council to continue to support outside bodies that have requested support from the Council in the form of a representative.
- 9.2 It is recommended that Former Councillor Baverstock be appointed to Unity in order for the Council to continue to fulfil its obligations to outside bodies that have requested support from the Council in the form of a representative.

<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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