

Appointment to South East Councils

Report of the Democracy and Governance Portfolio Holder

Recommended:

That Councillor Phil North be appointed to South East Councils.

SUMMARY:

This report seeks to appoint a member to South East Councils.

1 Introduction

- 1.1 South East Councils is an organisation established to represent the views of local authorities in the South East region which aims to promote and maintain the South East's position as a leading global economy, seek fair funding for the region and monitor and highlight the economic pulse of the South East.
- 1.2 South East Councils is an associate member of the Local Government Association (LGA).

2 Background

- 2.1 Test Valley Borough Council has been a member of [South East Councils](#) since 2021. Cabinet is asked to appoint a Member to South East Councils to replace Councillor Adams-King who has previously been appointed to the partnership. Appointments are reconfirmed on an annual basis.

3 Corporate Objectives and Priorities

- 3.1 The arrangements provide for the sharing of knowledge and strengthening of partnerships which contribute to the Council's Corporate Objectives.

4 Options and Option Appraisal

Option 1

- 4.1 To not appoint to the South East Councils as set out in the report.
- 4.2 Appointing to outside bodies ensures that the Council is able to continue to work with partners to consider areas of mutual interest, maintain good working relationships and share knowledge and ideas. To not appoint to this position would mean the Council will no longer be actively engaged with its partners in key areas considered by the association.

Option 2

- 4.3 To appoint a Member to South East Councils as set out in the report. This is the recommended option.
- 4.4 This will allow the Council to consider matters of mutual interest and continue good working relationships with its partners, ensuring effective development of ideas and knowledge sharing.

Option 3

- 4.5 To appoint a different member of Cabinet to South East Councils.

5 Risk Management

- 5.1 A Risk Management questionnaire has been completed and indicates this report does not require a risk assessment because the changes/issues covered by this report are not significant in terms of risk or have previously been considered.

6 Resource Implications

- 6.1 No additional resource implications have been identified.

7 Legal Implications

- 7.1 There are no legal implications arising from the report.

8 Equality Issues – None identified.

9 Other Issues

- 9.1 Community Safety – None identified.
- 9.2 Environmental Health Issues – None identified.
- 9.3 Sustainability and Addressing a Changing Climate – None identified.
- 9.4 Property Issues – None identified.
- 9.5 Wards/Communities Affected – None identified.

10 Conclusion

- 10.1 That Councillor Phil North be appointed to South East Councils in order for the Council to continue to fulfil its obligations as a member of the association and strengthen partnerships.

Background Papers (Local Government Act 1972 Section 100D)

None

Confidentiality

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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