

APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES

1. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1.1 That the appointments to Outside Bodies as proposed in Appendix 1 to this report, be agreed.

2. INTRODUCTION

- 2.1 Following the District Council elections in May 2023, the Cabinet is asked to make appointments to the Outside Bodies set out in Appendix 1 to this report.

3. BACKGROUND DETAIL

- 3.1 The Council's agreed criteria for representation on Outside bodies, states that:-
- (a) there will be a clear benefit to the Council and/or the inhabitants of the District through formal representation on that organisation; or
 - (b) the Council has made or is continuing to make a significant financial contribution towards the establishment or operating costs of the organisation and that appointing a representative will help ensure good governance.
- 3.2 The criteria for making appointments also suggests that where feasible, appointments to Outside Bodies should be made by office rather than by name. Many of the appointments in Appendix 1 are made by office, with the name of the current councillor that holds the office in brackets, for clarity.
- 3.3 In making appointments, the Cabinet should also give careful consideration to selecting the most appropriate representative, taking into account the nature of the appointment and other issues such as local representation and the relevant experience and expertise of the appointee.

4. REPORTING BACK BY REPRESENTATIVES

- 4.1 As part of the Council's monitoring of representation on outside bodies all appointed representatives are requested to produce a brief report as and when appropriate, which will be published on the Councillors' area in Sharepoint.

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 There are none arising directly from this report. Appointments to Outside Bodies are designed to ensure that where the Council makes initial or ongoing financial contributions to an organisation, there is a mechanism to ensure there is Council representation in the relevant forum.

6. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 There are none arising directly from this report. Some Outside Bodies have an environmental or sustainability focus. Members appointed to these Bodies may find the Council's Member Induction training and development on the climate and nature emergency particularly relevant, in promoting the Council's objectives in this area.

7. EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 The Cabinet is requested to have regard to appropriate representation on all outside bodies, with an inclusive approach.

8. PORTFOLIO HOLDER COMMENTS

- 8.1 I would ask all appointees to represent the Council across the range of Outside Bodies, to ensure that there are clear benefits as part of this formal representation and that there is good governance where the Council makes a financial contribution. I would also encourage appointees to feedback back to the Council with a brief report as and when appropriate, which can be featured in the Councillors' Area online.

Appendix 1 – Appointments to Outside Bodies

For further information contact:

Matt Wisdom
Service Manager – Democratic and Support Services
Tel: 023 8028 5072
E-mail: matt.wisdom@nfdc.gov.uk

Background Papers:

None.