

APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES.

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 Following the Council's quadrennial elections the Cabinet is invited to make appointments to the outside bodies set out in Appendix 1 to this report.

2. DETAIL

- 2.1 A review of the Council's representation on Outside Bodies was undertaken in December 2008 and the Cabinet agreed a number of criteria for future appointments. In particular the appointing body must be satisfied 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.

- 2.2 The criteria for making appointments also suggests that where feasible, appointments to outside bodies should be made by office rather than by name.

- 2.3 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.

- 2.4. All outside bodies shown in Appendix 1 have recently been contacted to confirm that they still need Council representation. Appointments have been rationalised where necessary.

3. REPORTING BACK BY REPRESENTATIVES

- 3.1 As part of the Council's monitoring of representation on outside bodies all appointed representatives are requested to produce a brief written report as and when appropriate, but at least once a year, for publication on the Councillors' area of ForestNet. Members may find it useful to view the reports submitted by Councillors in the last administration.

4. PORTFOLIO HOLDER'S COMMENTS

- 4.1 The Leader supports the proposed appointments in Appendix 1 which have been drawn up in accordance with the Council's agreed criteria.

5. FINANCIAL, ENVIRONMENTAL, CRIME & DISORDER AND EQUALITIES & DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS

5.1 There are none arising directly from this report.

6. RECOMMENDATIONS:

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

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Background Papers:

None