



Council

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Subject: Appointments to Outside Bodies and Joint Staff Consultative Committee

Report by:

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Purpose / Summary:

To make revised appointments to a number of outside Bodies, to make appointments to two new outside bodies and to re-appoint to the Joint Staff Consultative Committee, which sits outside of the Political Balance Rules.

RECOMMENDATION(S):

(a) That Members be Appointed to the Outside Bodies, in accordance with the provisions set out at Section 1.3 (i) – (iv), with nominations detailed in the table at Appendix 1, including two new outside bodies namely: -

- * LGA Special Interest Group – Internal Drainage Boards
- * STEP Strategic Collaboration Group

(b) That those Members detailed in Section 2.3 of the report be appointed to the Joint Staff Consultative Committee until May 2027.

IMPLICATIONS

Legal:

Appointments to the bodies listed in the report have to be legally and Constitutionally confirmed.

Financial :

Members are entitled to claim allowances for attendance at bodies and groups they have been formally appointed to. This can be met from within the existing budget

Staffing :

N/A

Equality and Diversity including Human Rights :

N/A

Data Protection Implications :

N/A

Climate Related Risks and Opportunities:

N/A

Section 17 Crime and Disorder Considerations:

N/A

Health Implications:

N/A

Title and Location of any Background Papers used in the preparation of this report :

Risk Assessment :

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Call in and Urgency:

Is the decision one which Rule 14.7 of the Scrutiny Procedure Rules apply?

i.e. is the report exempt from being called in due to urgency (in consultation with C&I chairman)

Yes

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No

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Key Decision:

A matter which affects two or more wards, or has significant financial implications

Yes

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No

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1. **Appointment to Outside Bodies**

1.1 Council at its Annual General Meeting , following an all-out election, makes appointments to a number of Outside Bodies. The last time being May 2023.

1.2 In light of the political re-set of the Council, the newly appointed Administration have requested that a number of outside body appointments be revisited.

1.3 Outside Body appointments are made on the following basis, as previously resolved by Council : -

- i) In the first instance any Member with a specialist interest or expertise in the particular field of the Outside Body should be appointed (the appointment should not be party political), Failing this, where possible, appointments should be made geographically involving a local Ward Member. Where neither of these criteria can be met, any other Member should be appointed;
- ii) appointments are to be made for a four year period to be in line with District elections. However, a number of bodies have their own arrangements for a four yearly cycle of appointments, these are indicated in the table .
- iii) where a body shows that the Leader, Chairman and/or Vice-Chairman of a particular committee is the representative, this is because the constitution of the body concerned requires it or Council have previously resolved such.
- iv) those Members appointed to serve on an outside body would be expected to provide a short report on the achievements, finance and forward plans for inclusion in a booklet prior to Annual Council. (circulated separately to members)

1.4 Attached at Appendix 1 – Is the full list of Outside Bodies – those names shown in yellow indicate where it is proposed the representative will change.

1.5 Noting ii) above, appointments will be until May 2027.

1.6 There are two additional outside bodies for appointment – these being :
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- * LGA Special Interest Group – Internal Drainage Boards
- * STEP Strategic Collaboration Group

2. Appointments to Joint Staff Consultative Committee.

2.1 Similarly the Council at its Annual General Meeting , following an all-out election, makes appointments to a number of Boards, Panels and Groups which sit outside of political balance rules, one such Panel being, the Joint Staff Consultative Committee (JSCC).

2.2 The JSCC was last appointed to in May 2023, and the newly appointed Administration have requested that appointments to this body be revisited.

2.3 Those nominated for appointment are as follows: -

Members

Councillor Paul Key
Councillor John Barrett
Councillor Matthew Boles
Councillor Moira Westley

Reserves

Councillor Ian Fleetwood
Councillor Roger Patterson
Councillor Tom Smith
Councillor Jackie Brockway

2.4 Appointments would remain in place until May 2027 or until such time as a request is made for the membership to be re-visited