

**ANNUAL COUNCIL
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PART 1 – PUBLIC DOCUMENT

TITLE OF REPORT: NOMINATION OF REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS AND OTHER BODIES FOR 2023/24

REPORT OF THE DEMOCRATIC SERVICES MANAGER

COUNCIL PRIORITY: PEOPLE FIRST / SUSTAINABILITY / A BRIGHTER FUTURE TOGETHER

1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1.1 The purpose of this report is to present a list setting out the nomination of representatives on Outside Organisations and Other Bodies for 2023/24.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 That the list of nominations of representatives on Outside Organisations and Other Bodies for 2023/24, as set out in Appendix A to the report be approved.

2.2 That Political Group Leaders notify the Democratic Services Manager of nominations to the remaining vacancies or any changes to the existing representatives on outside organisations.

3. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

3.1 To comply with the provisions of Standing Order 4.8.1(b)(iv) and (v) of the Council's Constitution.

4. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

4.1 None.

5. CONSULTATION WITH RELEVANT MEMBERS AND EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS

5.1 The Leaders of the Political Groups have been consulted regarding the nomination of representatives on Outside Organisations and Other Bodies for 2023/24.

6. FORWARD PLAN

- 6.1 This report does not contain a recommendation on a key decision and has not been referred to in the Forward Plan.

7. BACKGROUND

- 7.1 Standing Order 4.8.1(b)(iv) of the Council's Constitution states that at the Annual Meeting, the Council will

“receive nominations of Councillors to serve on each Committee and outside body”.

- 7.2 Standing Order 4.8.1(b)(v) states that at the Annual Meeting, the Council will also

“make appointments to those Committees and nominations to outside bodies, except where nomination to those bodies has been delegated by the Council or is exercisable by the Cabinet”.

8. RELEVANT CONSIDERATIONS

- 8.1 A review of Outside Body appointments was carried out between January-April 2023. Both outside organisations and the appointed Members were surveyed. The survey assisted to ascertain whether the outside bodies were still active as well as the value in appointments to Outside Bodies. The response rate for organisations was 26 out of 49 (53%) and 23 out of 37 Members appointed to bodies (62%).
- 8.2 Group Leaders have been asked to consider the nominations as approved for 2022/23 and propose any alterations they felt necessary for 2023/2024, having given regard to 8.3 – 8.6 below.
- 8.3 We have been advised that Herts Senior Citizens Welfare Committee has been disbanded, and any funds held by the organisation had been transferred to Hitchin Seniors Lunch Club based at Westmill. Therefore, it is proposed that no appointments are made to this organisation.
- 8.4 We have been advised that Letchworth Sustainability Forum has been disbanded. Therefore, it is proposed that no appointments are made to this organisation.
- 8.5 We have been advised that following a change to their constitution, Rands Educational Foundation no longer require the appointment of a District Council Representative. Therefore, it is proposed that no appointments are made to this organisation.
- 8.6 Last year it was noted that there was a proposed amalgamation of the Bedfordshire and River Ivel IDB with the Buckingham and River Ouzel IDB and the Alconbury and Ellington IDB. There has been no further communication from Bedfordshire and River Ivel Internal Drainage Board (IDB) surrounding the proposed amalgamation and the organisation response received to the survey made no mention of the proposed amalgamation. Therefore, the Council will continue to appoint to this body.

8.7 Appendix A to the report sets out the nomination of representatives to Outside Organisations and Other Bodies for 2023/24.

9. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

9.1 The legal and constitutional requirements are set out in the main body of this report.

9.2 It is a constitutional requirement to review the appointments to outside organisations at the Annual Meeting.

9.3 Appointments are made by the Council in the interests of openness and transparency.

10. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

10.1 There are no financial implications arising directly from this report.

11. RISK IMPLICATIONS

11.1 There are no direct risk implications arising from this report.

12. EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

12.1 In line with the Public Sector Equality Duty, public bodies must, in the exercise of their functions, give due regard to the need to eliminate discrimination, harassment, victimisation, to advance equality of opportunity and foster good relations between those who share a protected characteristic and those who do not.

12.2 There are no direct equalities implications arising from this report. However, equalities implications from the individual recommendations will continue to be considered and assessed during the decision-making process.

13. SOCIAL VALUE IMPLICATIONS

13.1 The Social Value Act and “go local” policy do not apply to this report.

14. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

14.1. There are no known Environmental impacts or requirements that apply to this report.

15. HUMAN RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

15.1 There are no human resource implications.

16. APPENDICES

16.1 Appendix A – Nomination of Representatives on Outside Organisations and Other Bodies for 2023/24. (Appendix A will be circulated as a supplement when available)

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18. BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 18.1 None.