

Cabinet Meeting

Meeting Date	12 June 2019
Report Title	Appointments to outside bodies
Cabinet Member	Leader
SMT Lead	Director of Regeneration
Head of Service	n/a
Lead Officer	Democratic and Electoral Services Manager
Key Decision	No
Classification	Open

Recommendation	1. That Cabinet considers making appointments to the outside bodies listed in Appendix I for the 2019/20 municipal year.
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1 Purpose of Report and Executive Summary

- 1.1 This report is asking Cabinet to consider the list of outside bodies set out in Appendix I and agree representation for the municipal year 2019/20. It should be noted that appointments to other outside bodies, trusts administered by Swale Borough Council and statutory bodies were made at Annual Council on 22 May 2019. The remainder are to be made by the Cabinet as they are linked to the discharge of Executive functions.

2 Background

- 2.1 Proposals for nominations are set out in Appendix I.

The Council Leader is appointed to the following bodies by warrant of being leader:

District Councils' Network (DCN)
Kent Council Leaders
Local Government Association (LGA)
Mid Kent Services
South East England Councils (SEEC)
Swale Public Services Board
Thames Gateway Kent Partnership
Thames Gateway Strategic Group
Kent and Medway Economic Partnership

- 2.2 **Register of Interests** – Members are required to record any changes to their interests arising from their appointment to an outside body.

Further guidance and advice on outside body appointments will be forwarded to Members.

3 Proposal

- 3.1 Cabinet are asked to consider the list of outside bodies, and then make appointments to them.

4 Alternative Options

- 4.1 Cabinet can decide not to make appointments to some or all of the outside bodies listed.

5 Consultation Undertaken or Proposed

- 5.1 Following the review of outside body appointments undertaken during 2011/12 municipal year, arrangements were audited and a protocol was agreed; although this protocol does not cover Cabinet appointments or representation on outside bodies.

6 Implications

Issue	Implications
Corporate Plan	A Council to be proud of.
Financial, Resource and Property	None identified at this stage, although should the Cabinet recommend to Council to review the process and policy of nominations on outside bodies, this would have a human resource implication.
Legal and Statutory	<p>The Local Authorities (Functions and Responsibilities) (England) Regulations 2000 sets out the responsibilities defining those that are Council functions and those that are functions of the Executive.</p> <p>Some appointments are as Trustees or Directors which have specific legal responsibilities and liabilities for the individual member.</p> <p>To ensure compliance with the Members' Code of Conduct any member appointed to an outside body must review their declaration in the Members' Register of Interests within 28 days of any change.</p>
Crime and Disorder	None identified at this stage.
Sustainability	None identified at this stage, although should there be a further review of the process and policy of nominations on outside bodies, this could have equality and diversity implications.
Health and Wellbeing	None identified at this stage.

Risk Management and Health and Safety	The audit of outside bodies reviewed the roles and capacities of Members the Council nominates to outside bodies. The audit enabled the Council to identify and manage any risks that may arise from making appointments to outside bodies and allows members to take informed decisions about whether or not they wish to accept appointments that could impose significant legal obligations on them.
Equality and Diversity	None identified at this stage, although should there be a further review of the process and policy of nominations on outside bodies, this could have equality and diversity implications.

7 Appendices

The following documents are to be published with this report and form part of the report

- Appendix I: Sets out the current representation on trusts and outside bodies and proposed nominations.

8 Background Papers

None.