

| Annual Council Meeting | |
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| Meeting Date | 17 May 2023 |
| Report Title | Borough Council nominations to outside bodies, trusts administered by Swale Borough Council and statutory bodies |
| EMT Lead | Lisa Fillery – Director of Resources |
| Head of Service | |
| Lead Officer | Jo Millard – Democratic Services Manager |
| Classification | Open |
| Recommendations | 1. The Council is asked to agree Borough Council nominations to outside bodies, trusts administered by Swale Borough Council and statutory bodies. |

1 Purpose of Report and Executive Summary

- 1.1 This report is asking the Council to agree nominations to outside bodies, trusts administered by Swale Borough Council and statutory bodies.

2 Background

- 2.1 Council agreed a protocol on nominations to outside bodies in 2011. This includes a requirement that a nominee's role is clearly defined, that the outside body is properly constituted, and that its aims and objectives are compatible with the Council's. The protocol further requires that the nominee is indemnified against relevant liabilities by the outside body.
- 2.2 A Council nominee who accepts a position onto a board, trust or statutory body carries responsibilities and liabilities in law and nominees should consider these carefully before accepting the position. Further information can be obtained from the legal team.
- 2.3 Nomination to an outside body, once accepted, is a disclosable non-pecuniary interest under Swale's code of conduct, and the nominee will need to amend their register of interests accordingly.
- 2.4 Changes in 2023.
- 2.4.1 **Kent Downs and Marshes Local Action Group**

This organisation has been disbanded.

2.4.2 Pathfinder Dementia Group

This is new for 2023. The group is not yet fully established and so any nominations will be made once it is established.

2.4.3 The Meads Woodland Group

This is new for 2023. The group is not yet fully established and so any nominations will be made once it is established.

3 Proposals

- 3.1 The Council is asked to consider the Group Leaders nominations and decide who should be appointed to sit on each body as set out in Appendix I.

4 Alternative Options

- 4.1 Council could decide whether or not to make nominations to these outside bodies, and there is no obligation to make any nomination at all.

5 Consultation Undertaken or Proposed

- 5.1 The proposals in this report follow consultation with Group Leaders.

6 Implications

| Issue | Implications |
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| Corporate Plan | Nominations to outside bodies contribute to the council priority to renew local democracy and make the council fit for the future |
| Financial, Resource and Property | The cost of servicing the Council's committees will be met within existing budgets. The establishment of any additional Committee dates would have financial and human resource implications. |
| Legal, Statutory and Procurement | Nominations to some outside bodies are as trustees and/or directors, which carries specific legal responsibilities and liabilities for the individual member. To ensure compliance with the Members' Code of Conduct any member taking up a position on an outside body must review the interests declared in their register of interests within 28 days of the position becoming effective. |

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| Crime and Disorder | None identified at this stage. |
| Environment and Climate/Ecological Emergency | None identified at this stage. |
| Health and Wellbeing | None identified at this stage. |
| Safeguarding of Children, Young People and Vulnerable Adults | None identified at this stage. |
| Risk Management and Health and Safety | None identified at this stage. |
| Equality and Diversity | None identified at this stage. |
| Privacy and Data Protection | None identified at this stage. |

7 Appendices

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

- Appendix I: Current nominations on trusts and outside bodies and proposed nominations – Council appointed

8 Background Papers

None.