

Community Committee	
Meeting Date	27 June 2023
Report Title	Member appointment – Council Leisure Service
EMT Lead	Emma Wiggins, Director and Regeneration and Neighbourhoods
Head of Service	Martyn Cassell, Head of Environment & Leisure
Lead Officer	Jay Jenkins, Leisure & Technical Services Manager
Classification	Open
Recommendations	The committee is recommended to: 1. Determine which one member should be appointed to attend Swale Community Leisure Board meetings.

1 Purpose of Report and Executive Summary

- 1.1 This report asks the Community committee to agree the council's member representation for the municipal year 2023/24 at the Swale Community Leisure Board.

2 Background

- 2.1 A joint arrangement is one in which the council collaborates with other local authorities or agencies to provide services in partnership. Member appointments to the boards or committees exercising control over such arrangements are distinct from nominations to outside bodies, in which members are asked to take on the role of directors or trustees of separate organisations, generally with a fiduciary duty to those organisations and not as representatives of the council.
- 2.2 In respect of joint arrangements, members are appointed to boards or committees with the express intention that they will represent Swale's interests on those boards or committees. Under the executive model, member appointments to boards, committees or steering groups covering these arrangements were made by cabinet or by the executive leader.
- 2.3 This was logical inasmuch as joint arrangements generally cover services which were previously executive matters. Moving to the committee system, it is appropriate that these appointments are made by the service committee within whose remit the service in question falls.
- 2.4 The dates of the next meetings are;

Date	Time	Location
Mon 17 Jul 2023	4.00-6.00pm	Swallows LC
Mon 16 Oct 2023	4.00-6.00pm	Sheppey LC
Mon 22 Jan 2024	4.00-6.00pm	Swallows LC
Mon 22 Apr 2024	4.00-6.00pm	Sheppey LC

3 Proposals

Swale Community Leisure

- 3.1 The Council's leisure centre operations in Sittingbourne (Swallows) and Sheppey (Sheppey Leisure Complex) are currently contracted out to Swale Community Leisure (SCL). They hold the leases to the buildings and have a Leisure Management agreement in place that runs until 31 March 2025.
- 3.2 SCL is an independent Trust with Trustees forming the Board. The nominated Member will be a representative for the Council but will not become a Trustee. The role is there to attend Board meetings and provide oversight of the board's operations and communicate matters relating to SBC's service. The committee is now **recommended** to determine who should be appointed for the municipal year 2023/24.

4 Alternative Options

- 4.1 The governance mechanisms for the joint arrangements require members to be appointed to these roles, so there are no alternative options.

5 Consultation Undertaken or Proposed

- 5.1 This is a routine appointment to existing arrangements, so no consultation has been undertaken or is proposed beyond asking group leaders for their nominations.

6 Implications

Issue	Implications
Corporate Plan	The joint arrangements contribute to a number of corporate plan objectives, primarily but not exclusively under Priority 4, "renewing local democracy and making the council fit for the future".
Financial, Resource and Property	There are no specific financial implications in the appointment of members to the governance bodies.
Legal, Statutory and Procurement	No implications identified at this stage.

Crime and Disorder	No implications identified at this stage.
Environment and Climate/Ecological Emergency	No implications identified at this stage.
Health and Wellbeing	No implications identified at this stage.
Safeguarding of Children, Young People and Vulnerable Adults	No implications identified at this stage.
Risk Management and Health and Safety	No implications identified at this stage.
Equality and Diversity	No implications identified at this stage.
Privacy and Data Protection	No implications identified at this stage.

7 Appendices

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

- n/a

8 Background Papers

8.1 Not used