

| Community Committee | |
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| Meeting Date | 4 September 2024 |
| Report Title | Member appointment – Council Leisure Services |
| 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 | <p>The committee is recommended to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Determine which one member should be appointed to attend Swale Community Leisure Board meetings. 2. Determine which one member should be appointed to attend Faversham Swimming Pools Management Committee 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 2024/25 at the Swale Community Leisure Board and Faversham Swimming Pools Management Committee.

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 in as much as joint arrangements generally cover services which were previously executive matters. Now we are in the committee system, it is appropriate that these appointments are made by the service committee within whose remit the service in question falls.

3 Proposals

- 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 2027.
- 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 2024/25.
- 3.3 Faversham Swimming Pools has a Board of volunteer trustees/directors who provide strategic oversight and support of the Pools. There is an annual grant agreement in place.
- 3.4 The nominated Member will be a representative for the Council but will not become a Trustee. The role is there to attend Faversham Swimming Pools 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 2024/25.

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 These are routine appointments to existing arrangements, so no consultation has been undertaken or is proposed beyond asking group leaders for their nominations.

6 Implications

| Issue | Implications |
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| Corporate Plan | The joint arrangements contribute to a number of corporate plan objectives, primarily but not exclusively under the Running the Council priority". |
| 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. |

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| 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 Not used

8 Background Papers

8.1 Not used