

Environment, Transport and Development Committee

Item No.....

Report title:	Appointments to internal and external Bodies
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Responsible Chief Officer:	Wendy Thomson, Managing Director

Strategic impact

Appointments to Outside Bodies are made for a number of reasons, not least that they add value in terms of contributing towards the Council's priorities and strategic objectives. The Council also makes appointments to a number of member level internal bodies such as Boards, Panels, and Steering Groups.

Responsibility for appointing to internal and external bodies lies with the Service Committees. The same applies to the positions of Member Champion.

Executive summary

In the previous Council, Service Committees undertook a fundamental review of the Outside Bodies to which the Council appoints. The views of members who have served on these bodies together with those bodies themselves and Chief Officers were sought and reported back to Committees.

Set out in the appendix to this report are the outside and internal appointments relevant to this Committee together with the current membership.

Recommendation

- **That Members review and where appropriate make appointments to those external bodies, internal bodies and Champions position as set out in Appendix A.**

1. Proposal

Outside Bodies

- 1.1 In the previous Council, all organisations and the current member representatives were invited to provide feedback on the value to the Council and the organisation of continued representation and to make a recommendation to that effect. In addition, Chief Officers were consulted.
- 1.2 Organisations were asked a number of questions about the role of the Councillor representative. Councillor representatives were asked questions such as how the body aligned with the Council's priorities and challenges and what the benefits are to the people of Norfolk from continued representation.

Finally, both were asked whether they supported continued representation. Committees considered this information and made decisions on appointments. The appendix to this report sets out the outside bodies under the remit of this Committee. Members will note that the current representative is shown against the relevant body. Members are asked to review Appendix A and decide whether to continue to make an appointment, and if so, to agree who the member should be.

Internal bodies

- 1.3 Set out in Appendix A are the internal bodies that come under the remit of this Committee. There is no requirement for there to be strict political balance as the bodies concerned do not have any executive authority. The current appointments are not made on the basis of strict political proportionality, so the Committee may, if it wishes to retain a particular body, change the political makeup. The members shown in the appendix are those most serving on the body in the previous Council.

2. Evidence

- 2.1 The views of the Councillor representative, the organisation and Chief Officer were reported to the Committee when it undertook its fundamental review of appointments in the previous Council.

3. Financial Implications

- 3.1 The decisions members make will have a small financial implication for the members allowances budget, as attendance at an internal or external body is an approved duty under the scheme, for which members may claim travel expenses.

4. Issues, risks and innovation

- 4.1 There are no other relevant implications to be considered by members.

5. Background

- 5.1 The Council makes appointments to a significant number of internal bodies and external bodies. Under the Committee system, responsibility for these bodies lies with the Service Committees.
- 5.2 There is no requirement for a member of an internal body to be appointed from the “parent committee”. In certain categories of outside bodies it will be most appropriate for the local member to be appointed; in others, Committees will wish to have the flexibility to appoint the most appropriate member regardless of their division or committee membership. In this way a “whole Council” approach can be taken to appointments.

Background Papers – There are no background papers relevant to the preparation of this report

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Environment, Development and Transport Committee and Economic Development Sub Committee Committees/Boards and EDT Outside Bodies (Economic Development Sub Committee appoints its own Outside Bodies)

2016/17 appointments shown

1. Norfolk Local Access Forum – 3

The Norfolk Local Access Forum (LAF) represents a variety of countryside interests with regards to improving public access across the county. It provides independent strategic advice to a range of organisations who have a duty to consult the Local Access Forum where there are implications or proposals around public access.

1 Labour - Julie Brociek-Coulton
1 Conservative - Ian Monson
1 UKIP - Stephen Agnew

It is suggested that the Committee considers reducing the number of Council representatives from 3 to 2 to free up a space so an additional organisation can be represented on the Forum as overall places are limited. Cycling and Walking Champion is an Ex-Officio Member (see appointment of Member Champions later in this report)

2. Norfolk Waste Partnership Strategic Management Board (2)

Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Committee

3. Joint Road Casualty Reduction Partnership Board (4)

A partnership that brings together appropriate public, private and voluntary sector commissioner and provider organisations in Norfolk to reduce the number and severity of road traffic casualties on roads in Norfolk, and to increase public confidence that all forms of journeys on roads in the county will be safe.

The following Committees will be invited to nominate a member to sit on the Partnership Board:

EDT (Judy Leggett)

Children's
Communities Committees
Health and Well-Being Board

The Committee is invited to agree its representative subject to the Communities Committee decision as to whether this body is to continue

This is covered in the P and R report

4. Norwich Western Link Member Group

2016/17 membership as follows:

Tim East (Chair) (LD)
Bill Borrett (Con)
Stuart Clancy (Con)
Shelagh Gurney (Con)
Margaret Dewsbury (Con)
Bert Bremner (Lab)
James Joyce (LD)

Part B

Environment, Development and Transport Committee Outside Bodies

1. Wash and North Norfolk Coast European Marine Site Management Scheme (2)

David Collis
Brian Long
Sub – Tony White

The scheme coordinates management by the relevant authorities of the Wash and North Norfolk Coast European Marine Site. The Management Group, which includes representatives from several 'relevant authorities' including the County Council, produces and manages a Management Plan, a statutory requirement.

2. Norfolk Coast Partnership (2 plus 2 substitutes)

Marie Strong (Sub Richard Bird)
John Dobson (Jason Law sub)

The role of the Partnership Forum is to bring together the perspectives of many organisations through a representative system, to develop policy for the Partnership and to develop, review and implement the AONB Management Plan, the production of which is a statutory requirement.

3. King's Lynn Conservancy Board (1)

David Collis

The Statutory port, harbour and pilotage authority for Kings Lynn.

5. Marriott's Warehouse Trust (Green Quay) (1)

David Collis

The Green Quay is an Independent Registered Charity and its partners are Natural England, RSPB, Wash Estuary Strategy Group, Norfolk County Council and Borough Council of King's Lynn and West Norfolk. The key objectives of the Green Quay are to inform and educate both schools and general public about the Wash, Fens.

6. Environment Agency

(a) Anglian (Eastern) Regional Flood and Coastal Committee (2)

Mick Castle (sub Colleen Walker)
Richard Bird (sub Brian Iles)

The RFCC is a committee established by the Environment Agency under the Flood and Water Management Act 2010 that brings together members appointed by Lead Local Flood Authorities (LLFAs) and independent members with relevant experience.

(b) Anglian (Central) Regional Flood & Coastal Committee (1)

Brian Long (sub Tony White)

7. Broads Authority (2)

Brian Iles
John Timewell

8. Norfolk Windmills Trust (3)

James Joyce
Fred Agnew
Tony White

The above 3 Members have been appointed for a period until 30th April 2019.

9. Caistor Roman Town Joint Advisory Board (1)

Roger Smith

Management and Development of Caistor Roman Town.

10. A47 Alliance (5)

Chairman of EDT Committee
Mick Castle
Tim East
William Richmond
Mark Kiddle Morris

The A47 Alliance brings together local authorities, MPs, Local Enterprise Partnerships, businesses and other stakeholders to secure improvements to the A47. The Alliance is led by Norfolk County Council but covers the A47 from Great Yarmouth to the A1 just west of Peterborough.

11. Norfolk Flood and Water Strategic Forum (1) - Toby Coke
12. Norfolk Strategic Planning Member Forum (1) – Mike Sands
13. Ouse Washes Strategy Group (1)

Brian Long

The role of the group is to ensure that all partners who operate on or depend on the Ouse Washes work collaboratively to meet the current and future challenges facing the Ouse Washes and surrounding communities.

14. Greater Norwich Development Partnership Board (3)

Martin Wilby
Stuart Clancy
Tim East

15. Great Yarmouth Transport and Infrastructure Steering Group (1)

Graham Plant, Mick Castle, Brian Iles

16. Greater Norwich Growth Board

Steve Morphew

17. Local Transport Body (Chair)

Martin Wilby as Chair of EDT Committee

18. Local Transport Board

Martin Wilby and Stuart Clancy

19. East West Rail Board

Tony White

Member Champions

Cycling and Walking – Hilary Cox
Historic Environment – Brian Watkins