

## **SLOUGH BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**REPORT TO:** Annual Council

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### **PART I** **FOR DECISION**

#### **APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES 2014/15**

**1. Purpose of Report**

To appoint/nominate representatives to serve on outside bodies.

**2. Recommendations**

The Council is requested to resolve the appointments and nominations to the outside bodies set out in Appendices A and B, for the Municipal year 2014/15.

**3. Community Strategy Priorities**

- **Economy and Skills**
- **Health and Wellbeing**
- **Regeneration and Environment**
- **Housing**
- **Safer Communities**

3.1 The Council works with a range of partners and outside bodies that either provide or assist in providing services which contribute to the Council's priorities. Many outside bodies utilise volunteers from the local community to assist them with organising fund-raising activities and assisting in the delivery of their services. The Council provides financial assistance to those outside bodies which it sees as essential to delivering its priorities. The Council fully appreciates the assistance and role which many of the volunteers play in delivering services to the local community.

**4. Other Implications**

**4.1 Legal & Human Rights Implications**

There are, on the whole, neither legal nor human rights implications relating to the appointment of representatives to outside bodies. Some outside bodies have been established by statute.

Members will be indemnified in their appointments to outside bodies/organisations.

#### 4.2 Financial

The Council provides financial assistance to those outside bodies which are considered essential in implementing its key priorities. Out of Borough travel expenses are payable to Council representatives. This cost is met from the budget for Members' Allowances.

#### 4.3 Workforce

Officers from the Council are involved in monitoring/supporting the Council's representatives and in some cases are required to attend the meetings of the key organisations

### 5. Supporting Information

5.1 At the start of each municipal year the Council considers appointments and nominations to outside bodies.

5.2 The Council has agreed to adopt a two level approach to its representation on outside bodies:

Level 1 - Corporate Bodies where Members have significant liability and/or the body has significant responsibility for service delivery.

Level 2 - Outside bodies where members have no significant liability/responsibility for service delivery.

**Members appointed to outside bodies are appointed with full voting rights and as such any liability is covered by the Council.**

5.3 The Council will note that a number of Members are appointed to outside bodies by virtue of the office they hold (e.g. Commissioners or Committee Chairs). In such cases, Members are required to stand down from any such outside body to which they were appointed as soon as they cease to hold the office in question.

5.4 A number of Outside Bodies have ceased to operate since appointments were made for the 2013/14 Municipal Year and appointments are therefore no longer required. The Chief Executive and Group Leaders have reviewed the schedule of Outside Bodies and representations received and have agreed that appointments for the 2014/15 Municipal Year be made to the organisations set out in Appendices A and B of this report.

5.5 The Council has emphasised the importance of appointees to outside bodies reporting back at least annually and agreed that failure to do so could be taken into account when consideration was given to future

appointments and nominations. Reports received from the appointees in 2013/14 are available and have been circulated to Group Leaders.

- 5.6 Nominations have been sought from the political groups and will be circulated prior to the meeting. Appendices 'A' and 'B' set out the appointments required for consideration by the Council.

**6. Appendices**

Appendix A - Level 1 - Corporate Bodies where Members have significant liability and/or the body has significant responsibility for service delivery.

Appendix B - Level 2 Outside bodies where members have no significant liability/responsibility for service delivery.

**7. Background Papers**

Correspondence file relating to Outside Bodies.