

SLOUGH BOROUGH COUNCIL

REPORT TO: Annual Council **DATE:** 16th May 2024

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WARD(S): All

PART I **FOR DECISION**

APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES 2024/25

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 2024/25.

Commissioners Review

Commissioners have no specific comments on the report.

3. Strategic Priorities

- 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 may provide 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. Any potential or perceived conflicts of interest should be avoided.

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

4.2 Financial

The Council may provide 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. Lead Members 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 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.

5.5 In nominating Members to serve on outside bodies, Groups must take account of:

- Any potential or perceived conflicts of interest relating to either that Members register of interests or any other position they may hold on the Council such as a Lead Member or chair of a committee.
- The skills, knowledge and expertise of Members they are nominating to outside bodies to ensure the Council's representatives can fully contribute and ensure the relationship between the authority and outside bodies is effective.

6. Appendices

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

Appendix B - Level 2 - Outside bodies where members have no significant liability/responsibility for service delivery (TO FOLLOW)

7. Background Papers

Correspondence file relating to Outside Bodies.