

17 June 2020		ITEM: 11
Cabinet		
Appointments to Outside Bodies, Statutory and other Panels		
Wards and communities affected: None	Key Decision: Non-key	
Report of: Councillor Robert Gledhill, Leader of the Council & Portfolio Holder for Public Protection and Anti-Social Behaviour		
Accountable Assistant Director: Ian Hunt, Assistant Director for Law and Governance and Monitoring Officer		
Accountable Director: Lyn Carpenter, Chief Executive		
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Executive Summary

This report requests that Cabinet confirm the nominations for appointments to outside bodies, statutory and other panels. Due to the current global COVID-19 pandemic, and the agreement not to hold an Annual Council in May 2020 where committee and outside body allocations would normally be made for the year, it is recommended that Cabinet appointments to outside bodies made during 2019/20 remain in place unless a need to change an appointment is necessary.

1. Recommendation(s)

1.1 Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic it is recommended that all current appointments, as listed in Appendix 1, remain for 2020/21, unless otherwise advised by Group Leaders and/or Cabinet.

2. Introduction and Background

2.1 Both the Full Council and the Cabinet have powers to appoint Members, officers and others to serve on Outside Bodies in a variety of capacities. Chapter 12, Part 2, of the Council's Constitution provides details of those Outside Bodies, Statutory and Other Panels where appointments are to be made by either Full Council or by the Cabinet.

2.2 Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, it is being recommended that all current appointments remain for the 2020/21 municipal year, subject to approval by Group Leaders and Cabinet.

3. Issues, Options and Analysis of Options

- 3.1 Group Leaders have been consulted on the suspension of Cabinet appointments to outside/statutory bodies for 2019/20, and if any changes are necessary, these will be noted at the Cabinet meeting on 17 June.
- 3.2 Any future changes to the appointments made will require the approval of the appointing body, be this Full Council or Cabinet.
- 3.3 There is an expectation that Members appointed to represent the Council on Outside Bodies will report back to the Council at least annually.

4. Reasons for Recommendation

- 4.1 The Cabinet should ensure that it continues to nominate representatives to sit on Outside Bodies, Statutory and other Panels so that its interests can be properly represented, together with those of the wider community.

5. Consultation (including Overview and Scrutiny, if applicable)

- 5.1 In the course of seeking postponement of nominations, consultation has been undertaken with the Leaders of each of the political groups represented on the Council.

6. Impact on corporate policies, priorities, performance and community impact

- 6.1 It is important for the Council to nominate to such bodies in order to ensure that it continues to represent the interests of both the Authority and the wider community.

7. Implications

7.1 Financial

Implications verified by: **Dammy Adewole**

**Senior Management Accountant –
Central Services**

There are no financial implications arising from this report.

7.2 Legal

Implications verified by: **Ian Hunt**

**Assistant Director Legal and
Governance, and Monitoring Officer**

It is important that Members are correctly appointed, through the relevant Council or Cabinet meeting, to enable them to be indemnified in appropriate circumstances.

7.3 **Diversity and Equality**

Implications verified by: **Becky Lee**

**Team Manager – Community
Development & Equalities**

The Council is under a statutory duty to ensure that equality and diversity is embedded within the decision making process of the Council. Therefore attention is drawn to the importance of ensuring that appointments to Outside Bodies, Statutory and Other Panels are underpinned by appropriate training on the statutory equality framework.

7.4 **Other implications** (where significant) – i.e. Staff, Health, Sustainability, Crime and Disorder)

- None.

8. **Background papers used in preparing the report** (including their location on the Council's website or identification whether any are exempt or protected by copyright):

- None

9. **Appendices to the report**

- Appendix 1 – Cabinet Appointments to Outside Bodies, Statutory and Other Panels 2020/21

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