

Is the final decision on the recommendations in this report to be made at this meeting?

Yes**Appointments to Outside Bodies**

Final Decision-Maker	Cabinet
Portfolio Holder(s)	Councillor Alan McDermott – Acting Leader of the Council
Lead Director	Lee Colyer – Director of Finance, Policy and Development
Head of Service	Finbar Gibbons – Head of Policy and Governance
Lead Officer/Author	Mark O’Callaghan – Democratic Services Officer
Classification	Non-exempt
Wards affected	All

This report makes the following recommendations to the final decision-maker:

1. That Councillor Joy Podbury replace Thelma Huggett as a Tunbridge Wells Commons Conservator for the remainder of the present term until 31 December 2019; and
2. That the nominated persons be appointed to the Outside Bodies for the terms of office specified as set out at Appendix A to the report.

This report relates to the following Five Year Plan Key Objectives:

- A Prosperous Borough
- A Green Borough
- A Confident Borough

The members of the Council working as representatives in partnership with Outside Bodies will influence various projects in all of the key objectives.

Timetable

Meeting	Date
Cabinet	22 May 2019

Appointments to Outside Bodies

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT AND EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1 To make appointments to the Council's Outside Bodies:
- Appointments to established Outside Bodies to take immediate effect for the period as specified.
 - Appointments to the Tunbridge Wells Commons Conservators for the period 1 January – 31 December 2020.
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2. INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The Council appoints members and other people to a number of organisations in the Borough in order to best represent the interests of the Council or the organisation locally, regionally and at a national level. These appointments provide an opportunity for the Council's representatives to be involved in the work of a diverse number of community and charitable organisations and feedback to the Council on the work being done.
- 2.2 At the Annual Meeting 2014 most appointments were aligned to be made en masse and appointed annually.
- 2.3 The majority of the appointments follow requests by organisations for a representative. However, there are also appointments where there is a strategic benefit to the Council in having a representative or a legal obligation.

Tunbridge Wells Commons Conservators (the Conservators)

- 2.4 The Conservators have confirmed that, in accordance with Section 104 of the County of Kent Act 1981, Tunbridge Wells Borough Council must appoint four Members each year. Appointments must be made no later than 1 December to take effect from 1 January. They have further agreed that there is no deadline before which an appointment can be made and they have no objection to the Council making their appointments during this round provided they only take effect at the prescribed time.
- 2.5 One of the Conservators appointed by the Council, Thelma Huggett, has recently ceased to be a Councillor. Therefore, it is necessary to appoint a replacement. Councillor Joy Podbury, member for Rusthall, has been nominated to serve for the remainder of the present term until 31 December 2019 plus the full 2020 term subject to her own re-election in May 2020.
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3. AVAILABLE OPTIONS

- 3.1 To appoint members as shown at Appendix A to the report.

- 3.2 To appoint other members to those shown at Appendix A to the report. The recommended appointments were made following discussions with members of the Council. To change the appointees would require further discussion.
- 3.3 To not appoint members thus leaving the post vacant. The Council is required by law to appoint the Conservators.

4. PREFERRED OPTION AND REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 4.1 Appointments are made at the discretion of the Cabinet following discussion with members of the Council. All the recommended appointees, as shown at Appendix A to the report, have consented to their appointment.

5. CONSULTATION RESULTS AND PREVIOUS COMMITTEE FEEDBACK

- 5.1 Appointments to Outside Bodies are at the discretion of the Cabinet and it is not necessary to formally consult.
- 5.2 The opportunity to express an interest in the appointments has been made available to all Councillors.

6. NEXT STEPS: COMMUNICATION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DECISION

- 6.1 The Cabinet's decision will be published on the Council's website following the meeting on 22 May 2019 and is subject to the normal call-in period. The appointments will also be set out on the Outside Bodies pages of the Council's website.
- 6.2 The Outside Bodies and appointed Members will be advised directly.

7. CROSS-CUTTING ISSUES AND IMPLICATIONS

Issue	Implications	Sign-off
Legal including Human Rights Act	The power to make appointments to Outside Bodies is an executive function to be made by the Cabinet.	Patricia Narebor, Head of Legal Partnership and Monitoring Officer 13 May 2019

Finance and other resources	There are no significant cross-cutting implications as a result of this decision.	Mark O'Callaghan, Democratic Services Officer 13 May 2019
Staffing establishment		
Risk management		
Data Protection		
Environment and sustainability		
Community safety		
Health and Safety		
Health and wellbeing		
Equalities		

8. REPORT APPENDICES

The following documents are to be published with and form part of the report:

- Appendix A: Appointments (To Follow)

9. BACKGROUND PAPERS

- None