

Appointments to Outside Bodies

For Cabinet on Thursday 22 June 2023

Summary

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Wards Affected: All

Approval Timetable	Date
Cabinet	22 June 2023

Recommendations

Officer recommendations as supported by the Leader of the Council

1. 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.
2. That appointments are made to the Commons Conservators for the period 22 June 2023 to 31 December 2023.
3. That appointments are made to the Commons Conservators for the period 1 January 2024 to 31 December 2024.

1. Introduction

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to make appointments to the Council's Outside Bodies as follows:
- 1.2 Appointments to established Outside Bodies to take effect for the period as specified
- 1.3 Appointments to the Tunbridge Wells Commons Conservators for the period 1 January 2024 – 31 December 2024 to take effect on 1 January 2024.

2. 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 in 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.

3. Tunbridge Wells Commons Conservators (the Conservators)

- 3.1 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.

Other Organisations

- 3.2 PATROL (Parking and Traffic Regulations Outside London Joint Committee – to note this post is normally held by the Portfolio Holder for Planning and Transportation or such similar role.

- 3.3 TW The Bid – to note this post is normally held by the Portfolio Holder for Economic Development.
- 3.4 In addition, there are several vacant post to be filled.

4.Options Considered

To appoint members.

To not appoint members thus leaving the posts vacant.

5. Preferred Option and Reason

- 5.1 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.

6. Consultation on Options

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

7. Implementation

- 7.1 The Outside Bodies and appointed Members will be advised directly.

8.Appendices and Background Documents

Appendices:

- Appendix A: Appointments (to follow).

6. Cross Cutting Issues

A. Legal (including the Human Rights Act)

The power to make appointments to Outside Bodies is an executive function to be made by the Cabinet

B. Finance and Other Resources

There are no significant cross-cutting implications as a result of this decision.

C. Staffing

There are no significant cross-cutting implications as a result of this decision.

D. Risk Management

There are no significant cross-cutting implications as a result of this decision.

E. Environment and Sustainability

There are no significant cross-cutting implications as a result of this decision.

F. Community Safety

There are no significant cross-cutting implications as a result of this decision.

G. Equalities

There are no significant cross-cutting implications as a result of this decision.

H. Data Protection

There are no significant cross-cutting implications as a result of this decision.

I. Health and Safety

There are no significant cross-cutting implications as a result of this decision.

J. Health and Wellbeing

There are no significant cross-cutting implications as a result of this decision.