

County Council

Report Title:	Appointments to Outside Bodies
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Brief summary of report

1. This report provides an update on the appointment of councillors to outside bodies and partnerships.

Action recommended

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. The Council is asked to confirm the appointment of councillors to the bodies listed in Appendix 1 in accordance with the procedures set out in paragraphs 7 and 8 below. |
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Reason for recommendation

3. Appointments are made to support the ongoing business of the body concerned and to contribute to the achievement of the Council's policy and service delivery priorities and objectives.

Alternative options

4. The Council could agree alternative arrangements for making appointments or decide not to appoint to all of the bodies listed.

Who will be affected by this decision?

5. The appointment of councillors to outside bodies can affect the governance of a wide range of organisations across the county and the region.

Main body of report

6. Following the elections on 2 May 2013, the Council reviewed appointments to outside bodies and partnerships. In the majority of cases, appointments were made for a period of four years. However, from time to time changes occur, and the updated list of outside bodies is attached at Appendix 1.

The current procedures for appointing councillors to outside bodies

7. Councillors are currently appointed to approximately 110 outside bodies. These range in scale from small local organisations with little or no resource, to major strategic bodies with substantial budgetary responsibilities. The Council has previously agreed a process by which decisions are made as to whether it will be represented on an outside body, and if so, by whom.

8. Outside bodies are divided into three categories:

Category A – bodies that are statutory, of strategic importance or geographically cover all of Suffolk or wider.

The Leader of the Council and (where more than one councillor appointment is required) other Group Leaders determine the appointments. Appointments of two or more councillors are according to the political proportionality of the Council at the time the appointment is made.

Category B – bodies that cover an area greater than a single County Council Division

All councillors whose division is within the area covered by the outside body are contacted by Democratic Services and asked to put forward nominations. If there are more nominations than positions, a ballot is conducted amongst the nominating councillors.

Category C – bodies that cover a single County Council Division

The appointment is offered to the County Councillor whose Division the outside body covers.

Changes which have taken place since May 2015

9. Since the last Annual Meeting of the Council, the following bodies have been removed from the list. The reasons for deleting a body can include: the body has ceased to exist; the Council has not been represented on it for some time; the body has changed its constitution and no longer seeks representation from Suffolk County Council (SCC); the body does not meet the criteria to be classed as an “outside body”; the Council no longer grant aids the body.

Community Action Suffolk (CAS) – by mutual agreement it was decided that the Council would no longer appoint a councillor to attend CAS Board meetings as an observer

Felixstowe Ferry Forum – the County Council has not been represented on this Forum for some years

Norfolk and Suffolk Energy Alliance – no longer exists

Shared Office Joint Committee (formerly West Suffolk House Joint Committee) – no longer exists

Smith’s Row Art Gallery – the Council no longer grant aids the gallery

West Suffolk Partnership – no longer exists

10. Organisations added to the list are shown in bold in Appendix 1.

Conclusion

11. At the Council meeting, an updated list of Category A appointments will be tabled for confirmation by the Council.

Sources of further information

[Report to Council 23 May 2013: Appointments to Outside Bodies](#)

[Report to Council 30 May 2014 - Appointments to Outside Bodies](#)

[Report to Council 21 May 2015 - Appointments to Outside Bodies](#)

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