

County Council

Report Title:	Appointments to Outside Bodies
Meeting Date:	25 May 2017
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Brief summary of report

1. This report sets out the arrangements for appointing 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 4 May 2017, it is necessary to review appointments to outside bodies and partnerships. The outside bodies to which the Council appoints representatives are set out in the Appendix to this report.

The current procedures for appointing councillors to outside bodies

7. Councillors are currently appointed to approximately 120 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 2016

9. Since the last Annual Meeting of the Council, the following bodies have been removed from the list:

a) Aldeburgh Music – the Council no longer grant aids this body

b) Suffolk Village of the Year Committee – this body has been temporarily removed from the list as the competition will not run in 2017 and is likely to change format in the future

c) Touching the Tide Board – this project has been completed

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

Register of Interests

11. Councillors appointed to outside bodies will need to amend their entry in the Register of Members' Interests.

Conclusion

12. 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 30 June 2016 - Appointments to Outside Bodies](#)