

PART 1 - PUBLIC

Decision Maker: General Purposes and Licensing Committee

Date: 26th September 2012

Decision Type: Non-Urgent Non-Executive Non-Key

Title: APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES

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Ward: N/A

1. Reason for report

- 1.1 In May each year, the Committee considers a report on the appointment of Council representatives to serve on Outside Bodies and Partnership Bodies. Most appointments are renewed annually, but a small number run for longer periods and do not necessarily tie in with the Council year. The Committee is asked to consider appointments for the Keston Village Hall Trust, which fall due on 10th December 2012. The Committee is also reminded that appointments to the Oxleas NHS Foundation Trust and the Diocese of Rochester Board of Education remain unfilled from recent meetings.
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2. **RECOMMENDATIONS**

2.1 That the Committee appoints the following –

- (a) Three nominative trustees to the Keston Village Hall Trust for the four year term of office from 10th December 2012 – the Trust has proposed that Mr M Baker and Mr P Friend are re-appointed, and that Mr Peter Luckens replaces the late Mr B J Cogswell;
- (b) one Councillor to the Oxleas NHS Foundation Trust Council of Governors for the remainder of the three year period ending in May 2015; and
- (c) one Councillor to serve as the Council's representative on the Diocese of Rochester Board of Education for the remainder of the three year period expiring on 31st December 2014.

Corporate Policy

1. Policy Status: Existing policy.
 2. BBB Priority: Excellent Council.
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Financial

1. Cost of proposal: No cost
 2. Ongoing costs: N/A.
 3. Budget head/performance centre: Democratic Services
 4. Total current budget for this head: £320,320
 5. Source of funding: 2012/13 revenue budget
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Staff

1. Number of staff (current and additional): The Democratic Services Team consists of eight posts (7.22fte).
 2. If from existing staff resources, number of staff hours: Liaison with outside bodies about Council appointments forms a small proportion of one post within the Democratic Services Team.
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Legal

1. Legal Requirement: No statutory requirement or Government guidance.
 2. Call-in: Call-in is not applicable.
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Customer Impact

1. Estimated number of users/beneficiaries (current and projected): N/A
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Ward Councillor Views

1. Have Ward Councillors been asked for comments? No.
2. Summary of Ward Councillors comments: N/A

3. COMMENTARY

- 3.1 Most outside body appointments are made on an annual basis by the Committee at its first meeting of the Council year in May, but a number of appointments are for longer periods which do not necessarily match the Council year. Three appointments now need to be considered as follows.

Keston Village Hall Trust

The Council appoints three nominative trustees for the Keston Village Hall Trust. In 2008, Mr B Baker, Mr P friend and Mr B J Cogswell were appointed for a four year term expiring on 10th December 2012. Sadly, Mr Cogswell has recently died, but Mr Baker and Mr Friend wish to continue to serve. The Honorary Secretary of the Trust has written to support the re-appointment of Mr Baker and Mr Friend, and to propose Mr Peter Luckens to replace Mr Cogswell. Mr Luckens is already an elective trustee (an annual appointment at the Trust's AGM) and is an active member of one of the clubs using the Hall.

Oxleas NHS Foundation Trust Council of Governors

The Council appoints one representative to the Oxleas NHS Foundation Trust Council of Governors for three year terms of office. Councillor Michael Turner, the current Mayor of Bromley, represented the Council for some time, but he has decided not to continue. A vacancy therefore exists for the remainder of the three year term expiring in May 2015. At the Committee's last meeting members were informed that Cllr Mrs Diane Smith had been considered for the appointment, but she had withdrawn due to a potential conflict of interest, so more time was needed to consider the appointment.

Diocese of Rochester Board of Education

The Council appoints one Councillor to the Diocese of Rochester Board of Education, which meets about six times per annum in Rochester. Terms of office are for three years and the current term expires at the end of December 2014. The Board supports Church of England Schools in Kent, Medway, Bexley and Bromley.

At the Committee's meeting on 14th March 2012 Councillor Ian Payne was provisionally appointed, but subject to further clarification of the role. At the Committee's last meeting there was still some uncertainty about who should be appointed, so the decision was deferred for further consideration of the duties involved.

Non-Applicable Sections:	Policy, Financial, Legal and Personnel Implications
Background Documents: (Access via Contact Officer)	Previous reports to General Purposes and Licensing Committee on outside body appointments, including the annual appointments reports presented in May each year.