

Decision Maker: GENERAL PURPOSES AND LICENSING COMMITTEE

Date: Thursday 14 February 2013

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

Title: APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES

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Ward: (All Wards)

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 a new appointment to the Orpington BID (Business Improvement District) Board if this proceeds, and three re-appointments for the Beckenham Parochial Charities. 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. **RECOMMENDATION(S)**

That the Committee appoints the following –

- (a) Councillor William Huntington-Thresher to the Orpington BID Board for the remainder of the Council year (subject to the outcome of the ballot currently taking place.)
- (b) Three nominated trustees to the Beckenham Parochial Charities for the four year term of office from 24th January 2013 – the Charity has proposed that Mr A J Duncan, Mrs G Scales and Mr M J Winsor are re-appointed;
- (c) one Councillor to the Oxleas NHS Foundation Trust Council of Governors for the remainder of the three year period ending in May 2015; and
- (d) 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: Not Applicable:
 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): 8 posts (7.22fte)
 2. If from existing staff resources, number of staff hours: Liaison with outside bodies about council appointments forms a very small proportion of one post within the Democratic Services Team.
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Legal

1. Legal Requirement: None:
 2. Call-in: Not Applicable: This report does not involve an executive decision.
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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. Four appointments now need to be considered as follows.

Orpington BID Board

- 3.2 Councillor William Huntingdon-Thresher has been offered a place on the Orpington BID Board to represent the Council (which will be provisional on the result of the BID ballot now taking place until 21st February 2013). The role is expected to involve 4 -6 meetings per annum once the BID is established. It is suggested that the role becomes part of the annual round of outside body appointments in May.

The Beckenham Parochial Charities

- 3.3 The Council nominates six trustees to the Beckenham Parochial Charities. The term of office is for four years, with three terms expiring in January 2013 and three in January 2015. The Charity has confirmed that the three nominees whose terms have just expired would like to continue to serve, and is recommending to the Council that they are re-appointed. These are Mr AJ Duncan, Mrs G Scales and Mr MJ Winsor. (The Council's other three nominees, whose terms do not expire until January 2015, are Cllr Russell Mellor, Mrs M Jessiman and Mr AM Wilkinson.)

Oxleas NHS Foundation Trust Council of Governors

- 3.4 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.

Diocese of Rochester Board of Education

- 3.5 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. The appointment has been vacant since the appointment of Cllr Stephen Carr ended on 31st December 2011.

Non-Applicable Sections:	Policy/Financial/Legal/Personnel
Background Documents: (Access via Contact Officer)	Previous reports to General Purposes and Licensing Committee on outside body appointments.