

Decision Maker: GENERAL PURPOSES AND LICENSING COMMITTEE

Date: Wednesday 17 September 2014

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

Title: APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES

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Ward: Various

1. Reason for report

- 1.1 At its meeting on 10th June 2014 the Committee made appointments to various outside bodies. This report picks up outstanding appointments, and in particular provides an update on a number of cases where the Committee asked that the continuing need for appointments to be made was reviewed.
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2. **RECOMMENDATIONS**

- (1) That, subject to suitable nominations being received, appointments to the following outside bodies be made –

Duke of Edinburgh Award Committee (two councillors for a one year term)

Phillips and Lubbock Foundation (four people for a four-year term to May 2018) – the Foundation has recommended Mrs Brenda Powell, Mr John Bowers, Cllr Charles Joel and Mrs Jane Woodhead.

Cray Valley Library and War Memorial Institute (one appointment (of four) for a four year term to 8th June 2018)

- (2) Consideration of appointments to the William Mosyer Charity, St Mary Cray, Bromley Relief in Need and the Joanna Collett Charity, Chelsfield be deferred.

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 Representation
 4. Total current budget for this head: £1,165,780
 5. Source of funding: Revenue budget
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Staff

1. Number of staff (current and additional): N/A
 2. If from existing staff resources, number of staff hours: N/A
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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? Not Applicable
2. Summary of Ward Councillors comments: Not Applicable

3. COMMENTARY

- 3.1 At the first meeting of each Council year this Committee makes appointments to outside bodies on behalf of the Council. These are mainly annual appointments, but some are for three or four year terms, particularly in a Council election year. At its meeting on 10th June 2014, the Committee decided to defer making a number of three or four year appointments to small local charities while the need for these appointments was reviewed. Officers have been seeking information to assist the Committee and this report provides an update on this. The current position is set out below.

Duke of Edinburgh Award Support Committee: Two members are appointed. After some uncertainty earlier in the year, it is confirmed that this committee is active and it is recommended that the Committee proceeds to appoint two Members. Appointments were previously made for three year terms, but it is recommended that the appointments be made annually in future, to accord with the Council year. It is understood that Cllr Hannah Gray is now involved with the Charity and should be one of the appointments.

Phillips and Lubbock Foundations: This is a small local charity making educational grants within the Ancient Parishes of Farnborough and Downe. It was established in 1818, so is approaching its 200th anniversary. The Chair, Mrs Brenda Powell, has provided information about the charity's current position, has confirmed that it is reviewing its role, and requested that the Council make the following four appointments –

Mrs Brenda Powell

Mr John Bowers

Cllr Charles Joel

Mrs Jane Woodhead

All were previously appointed by the Council, with the exception of Mrs Woodhead who replaces Rev. Austin Martin. It is recommended that the Committee confirms these appointments for the four year period to May 2018.

William Mosyer Charity, St Mary Cray: This small charity relates to the Ancient Parish of St Mary Cray, and its objective is the relief of persons resident in the Parish who are in conditions of need, hardship or distress. It is possible that it might be merged with other local charities; while this is explored it is recommended that appointments are deferred.

Bromley Relief in Need Charity: This charity's objectives are to provide relief from poverty by making grants to individuals within the ancient borough of Bromley (although there is discretion to make grants to those within the wider area represented by the modern borough.) Further information is awaited from the charity.

Joanna Collett Charity, Chelsfield: This charity was set up to provide funds for the maintenance of the church of St Martin of Tours, Chelsfield, and in particular the historic tomb of the Collett family. The charity is active and the trustees have been in contact with officers. However, there has been some historical confusion about the charity and a sister charity, the Colegates Charity, and the involvement of the Council and it is recommended that appointments are deferred while the situation is clarified.

- 3.2 In addition, Cllr Chris Pierce has resigned from his appointment to the **Cray Valley War Memorial Hall**, leaving one vacancy for the remainder of the four year term expiring on 8th June 2018. The Committee is recommended to fill this vacancy, should a suitable candidate be

nominated. (The other three Council appointments to this body are Councillors Teresa Ball, Peter Fortune and Angela Page.)

Non-Applicable Sections:	Policy/Finance/Legal/Personnel
Background Documents: (Access via Contact Officer)	Outside Bodies Report to Committee on 10 th June 2014