
Decision Maker: **General Purposes & Licensing Committee**

Date: **27th July 2011**

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

Title: **APPOINTMENT OF COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES TO SERVE
ON OUTSIDE BODIES AND PARTNERSHIP BODIES**

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Ward: N/A

1. Reason for report

- 1.1 On 24th May 2011, the Committee considered a report that requested the agreement of the appointment of Council representatives to serve on Outside Bodies and Partnership Bodies in respect of (a) annual appointments for 2011/12, (b) three-year term appointments, and (c) four-year term appointments co-terminus with the period of the Council.
- 1.2 Further to the above meeting the Committee is asked to consider a number of issues that have arisen since.

2. **RECOMMENDATION(S)**

The Committee is recommended to -

- (1) Note that there is no further need to appoint a representative to Kent Association for the Blind.**
- (2) Appoint Councillor Robert Evans (representative) and Councillor Diane Smith (deputy) to the Mental Health Joint Board.**
- (3) Note the latest position with regard to the Cray Valley Library and War Memorial Institute.**

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: £344,054 (2011/12)
 5. Source of funding: Existing revenue budgets
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Staff

1. Number of staff (current and additional): There are 10 posts (9.22 full time equivalent posts) in the Democratic Services team.
 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. The report does not require 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 Since the meeting of the Committee on 24th May 2011 two anomalies in the agreed list have been brought to officer's attention.
- 3.2 Kent Association for the Blind, to which Councillor Roger Charsley was appointed, have confirmed that earlier this year KAB's Board of Trustees took the decision to no longer have Council representatives at Board meetings. They did this because of the increasing incidence of potential conflicts of interest, but with much regret because the Association has always enjoyed an excellent and, they hope, mutually beneficial relationship with Councillors. Therefore the Committee is advised that the appointment of Council representatives no longer needs to be made to the Kent Association for the Blind. Councillor Charsley has been emailed and apprised of the situation.
- 3.3 In May 2011, the Committee appointed Councillor Catherine Rideout (representative) and Councillor Robert Evans (deputy) to the Mental Health Joint Board. Councillor Catherine Rideout has since advised that she does not wish to continue as the Council's representative. Therefore the Committee is asked to appoint Councillor Robert Evans (representative) and Councillor Diane Smith (deputy) to the Mental Health Joint Board.
- 3.4 Further to the meeting of the Committee held on 24th May 2011, in relation to the vacancy for Cray Valley Library and War Memorial Institute (to 8th June 2014), Councillor Roxy Fawthrop was emailed and was invited to fill the vacancy. Any further progress will be reported at the meeting.

Non-Applicable Sections:	Policy Implications, Financial Implications, Legal Implications, Personnel Implications
Background Documents: (Access via Contact Officer)	None