

**ANNUAL REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES**

Committee: Finance and Assets Committee

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1.0 ISSUE

1.1 To receive the annual reports from Council representatives on Outside Bodies within the responsibility of the Finance & Assets Committee.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION(S)

2.1 That David Chaplin be reappointed as the joint ECDC/SCDC representative on the Waterbeach Level IDB, as detailed in paragraph 3.2.

2.2 That the annual reports from Council representatives on Outside Bodies within the responsibility of the Finance & Assets Committee be noted.

2.3 That the vacancies on three IDBs and the process for seeking nominations be noted.

3.0 BACKGROUND/OPTIONS

3.1 The Council's Constitution specifies in the Terms of Reference for the Finance & Assets Committee that it should appoint representatives to Outside Bodies within its remit, from the wider membership of Council, for a period of up to 4 years. In the majority of cases the most recent appointments were made at the Finance & Assets Committee meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> June 2019.

3.2 An anomaly is the 3-year appointment to the Waterbeach Level IDB, which is a joint appointment with South Cambridgeshire District Council as per a reciprocal agreement dated June 1990. David Chaplin, the current lay member representative, was appointed in 2019 and therefore requires a 1-year reappointment to bring the term in line with all of the 4-year Outside Bodies appointments.

3.3 The list of Outside Bodies currently within the remit of the Finance & Assets Committee is attached as Appendix 1, which includes the names of the appointed representatives.

3.4 Attention is drawn to a number of vacancies on the Internal Drainage Boards (IDBs). Vacancies on the Littleport & Downham IDB and the Padnal & Waterden IDB have arisen due to the retirement of lay member Paul Cox. In

addition to the two outstanding vacancies on the Cawdle Fen IDB, a third has arisen due to the recent passing of City of Ely Cllr Mike Rouse.

- 3.5 Group Leaders have been consulted regarding all vacancies and no nominations had been received at the time of writing. Therefore, in accordance with the previously-agreed process (see Appendix 2), the affected Parish Councils will be contacted to request nominations for the vacancies. Once received, any nominations will be brought to a future meeting of the Finance & Assets Committee for consideration.
- 3.6 Attached as Appendix 2 are the relevant pages of the Outside Bodies Booklet which detail the aims and activities of the Outside Bodies within the remit of the Finance & Assets Committee, and the 2021-22 annual reports from the Council representatives.
- 4.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS/EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT/CARBON IMPACT ASSESSMENT
- 4.1 There are no additional financial implications arising from this report.
- 4.2 Equality Impact Assessment (EIA) not required.
- 4.3 Carbon Impact Assessment (CIA) not required.
- 5.0 APPENDICES
- 5.1 Appendix 1: Summary of the Outside Bodies and representatives for 2022-23 under the remit of the Finance & Assets Committee.

Appendix 2: The relevant pages of the Outside Bodies Booklet which detail the aims and activities of the Outside Bodies within the remit of the Finance & Assets Committee, and the annual reports of the Council representatives.

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