

ANNUAL REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES

Committee: Resources & Finance Committee

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1.0 ISSUE

- 1.1 To receive the Annual Reports from appointed Council representatives on the activities and manner in which funding is spent by the outside bodies within the responsibility of the Resources & Finance Committee.
- 1.2 To appoint to the vacancies on the Middle Fen & Mere, and Padnal & Waterden Internal Drainage Boards.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 That the Annual reports from appointed Council representatives on the activities and manner in which funding is spent by the outside bodies within the responsibility of the Resources & Finance Committee, be noted;
- 2.2 That a representative be appointed to fill the vacancies on the Middle Fen & Mere and Padnal & Waterden Internal Drainage Boards.

3.0 BACKGROUND/OPTIONS

- 3.1 As part of the amendments to the Constitution approved at Council on 22nd May 2012, the Terms of Reference of all relevant Committees were revised in order to give them the authority to appoint to outside bodies within their remit, from the wider membership of the Council, for a period of up to 4 years. This means that representation will normally only be reviewed within the 4 year period between elections where there is a change of circumstances/status, a Member resigns, or there is a vacancy on a body.
- 3.2 With the introduction of a re-structured Committee system from May 2017, the list of Outside Bodies has been reviewed and the Bodies allocated to reflect the areas of service delivery. Attached at Appendix 1 is the list of Outside Bodies currently within the remit of the Resources & Finance Committee.
- 3.3 Attached at Appendix 2 are copies of the information pages from the Outside Bodies Booklet, giving details of the aims and activities of the individual Outside Bodies within the remit of the Resources & Finance Committee, together with a copy of the Annual Report submitted by the Councillor representative(s) on that Body. Of particular note in the Councillors' Annual

Reports will be the comments that they have made as to how the work of the Outside Body supports the Corporate objectives of the Council and whether continued representation on the Body is worthwhile.

- 3.4 A review of the list of Outside Bodies was conducted in early 2017 and having consulted the ECDC Contact Officer and taken into consideration comments made by the appointed representative(s) for each Body, the Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Joint Strategic Planning & Transport Member Group has been removed from the 2017/18 list. The Group is unlikely to meet again, as it has been superseded by the new Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Combined Authority.
- 3.4.1 Members are asked to note that the Leader of the Council represents East Cambridgeshire District Council on both the East of England LGA and the LGA District Councils' Network. The Outside Bodies Booklet and Concise List have therefore been amended accordingly to reflect that Councillor Charles Roberts is now Leader of the Council.
- 3.4.2 Members are also asked to note that there are currently vacancies on the Middle Fen & Mere and Padnal & Waterden Internal Drainage Boards. The vacancy on the former arises following the election of former District Councillor James Palmer as Mayor of the Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Combined Authority.
- 3.5 Members are asked to receive the Annual Reports from Councillors, and to note the list of Outside Bodies allocated to the Resources & Finance Committee.

4.0 ARGUMENTS/CONCLUSIONS

- 4.1 There are no additional cost implications arising from this report.

5.0 APPENDICES

- 5.1 Appendix 1 – List of Outside Bodies currently within remit of the Resources & Finance Committee.

Appendix 2 – Information pages from Outside Bodies Booklet, giving details of aims and activities of individual Outside Bodies within the remit of the Resources & Finance Committee, together with copies of Annual Reports submitted by Councillor representative(s) on the Bodies.

Background Documents

None

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