
TITLE: ANNUAL REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES

Committee: Regulatory Services 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 Regulatory Services Committee.

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 Regulatory Services Committee, be noted.

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 was 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 Regulatory Services 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 Regulatory Services 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 Members are asked to receive the Annual Reports from Councillors, and to note the list of Outside Bodies allocated to the Regulatory Services 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 Regulatory Services Committee.

Appendix 2 – Information pages from Outside Bodies Booklet, giving details of aims and activities of individual Outside Bodies within remit of Regulatory Services Committee, together with copies of Annual Reports submitted by Councillor representatives on the Bodies.

Background Documents

Location

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None

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REGULATORY SERVICES COMMITTEE

ORGANISATION	REPRESENTATIVES 2015/16	CONTACT OFFICER
RECAP Board	Julia Huffer	Environmental Services Manager: Liz Knox
Sanctuary Housing Services Ltd, East Cambridgeshire Management Committee	Elaine Griffin-Singh Chris Morris	Housing Options Manager: Angela Parmenter

APPENDIX 2

RECAP BOARD
<p>Aims & Activities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advise on remedial measures (bi or multi lateral) • Ensure that each Council is sufficiently informed about and consulted on potential measures. • Advise on the best use of resources including recycling credits, and on the programme of action. • Explore whether a more formal Joint Waste Management Committee is desirable (for example, as operates in Devon), since this would almost certainly be necessary for the production of a joint municipal waste strategy.

Representation	Meetings per year	Expenses paid by Organisation
One Member	Quarterly	

Status of Member	Insurance Provision
Representative of ECDC	No

Category of Officer Support	Contact Officer	Representative for 2017/18
1	Environmental Services Manager: Liz Knox	Councillor Julia Huffer

Report from representative for 2017/18:

Cllr Huffer:

RECAP's work fits in with East Cambridgeshire District Council's Corporate Plan by making the disposal of waste as cost effective as possible and working with other districts to find more creative ways of increasing recycling rates and effective methods of dealing with fly tipping.

RECAP has recently employed a project manager who will help steer the Board forward and give it more focus.

Continued representation is worthwhile as all areas of cost saving must be explored and this Board may well be of benefit.

Representative(s) for 2018/19
Councillor Julia Huffer

SANCTUARY HOUSING SERVICES LTD – EAST CAMBRIDGESHIRE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Aims & Activities

A non-profit-making organisation, to provide affordable homes for rent throughout East Cambridgeshire.

Representation	Meetings per year	Expenses paid by Organisation
Two Members	4	Travelling

Status of Member	Insurance Provision
Limited Decision Making Role	N/A

Category of Officer Support	Contact Officer	Representative(s) for 2017/18
1	Housing & Community Safety Manager: Angela Parmenter	Councillor Elaine Griffin Singh Councillor Chris Morris

Report from representatives for 2017/18:

Cllr Griffin Singh:

The Sanctuary Housing committee meetings are an essential liaison tool between the Council and our largest housing provider. It has been possible in the past for members to really influence issues or policy change via this forum, particularly, as an example, the turnaround decision to remove wardens completely from some elderly housing areas. It is also very useful to hear first-hand experiences from the few residents that sit on the Board.

The above said however, I feel ECDC representatives require more information, statistics, and insight, to be provided by the Council so that the Council's perspective can be better represented and any issues raised more directly. Sanctuary Housing provides very useful statistics and detailed information at each meeting against a variety of delivery targets but we have no knowledge base from which to respond.

In the past committee representatives have been made aware of issues being experienced by individual tenants and/or matters being handled by Council Members – this allowed for the issues to be directed to specific contacts at Sanctuary for speedy resolution and to develop a knowledge base. This system seems to have ceased of late and needs to be reinstated or, as an alternative, detailed statistics and information supplied.

Cllr Morris:

Everything is covered in an agenda every quarter. Topics considered/discussed have included By-Election results in September, the Local Plan being approved at the ECDC Council meeting in October, subject to final consultation for 6 weeks during November and December 2017. Cllr Griffin Singh mentioned people sitting and begging on the streets in Ely; we had been updated that there were no homeless people in Ely.

Continued representation is worthwhile; discussions include the operational overview, performance reports, community investment and any future developments.

As I am in the Chair, East Cambs DC, with the other District Councillor, is in total control of the running of the meetings.

Representative(s) for 2018/19
Councillor Elaine Griffin Singh
Councillor Chris Morris