

EASTLEIGH LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE

Tuesday, 7 June 2022

APPOINTMENTS TO REGULATORY PANELS, OTHER GROUPS AND OUTSIDE BODIES

Report of the Local Area Manager

Recommendation

It is recommended that:

- (1) the nominations for 2022/23 municipal year appointments to regulatory panels and other groups as set out in paragraph 5 are approved; and**
 - (2) the proposed nominations for 2022/23 municipal year appointments to Outside Bodies, as set out in appendix A are approved.**
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Summary

Regulatory Panels are formal decision-making panels required to deliver the council's statutory obligations. The other groups comprise those established to share information or manage local initiatives. Outside bodies are external organisations, including formal or informal partnerships, to which the Borough Council is a party, which have requested that the Borough Council appoint an Elected Councillor or a representative to them or to which the Council expects to make appointments.

Statutory Powers

Local Government Act 2000, Localism Act 2011.

Strategic Implications

1. This report relates to governance arrangements which underpin all the Council's Corporate Plan objectives.

Introduction

2. Regulatory Panels are formal decision-making panels required to deliver the council statutory obligations, such as Licensing. The other groups comprise those established to share information or manage local initiatives.
3. Outside bodies are external organisations and partnerships which have requested that the Borough Council appoint an Elected Councillor or a representative to them. Participation in outside bodies:

- Contributes to the Borough Council's strategic functions, priorities or community leadership roles;
 - Supports partnership and joint working; and
 - Enables Councillors to gain and share knowledge and expertise.
4. All Councillors are eligible to be appointed as representatives of the Borough Council on these groups. Councillors and staff appointed must respond to all reasonable requests for information about the work of the outside body and their participation in it.

Proposal

5. This Committee is responsible for making Councillor appointments to several Regulatory Panels and other groups. The following nominations have been made for Councillor representatives for the municipal year 22-23 and it is recommended that these are approved as follows.

Regulatory Panels	Councillor nominations for 22-23
Licensing – to deal with issues not covered by the Licensing Act 2003 or the Gambling Act 2005	All members of the Committee to be appointed to a pool from which any three can be selected.
Licensing Panels as appointed by full Council for the purposes of the Licensing Act 2003 or the Gambling Act 2005	Cllr N Couldrey Cllr R Dean Cllr G Tidridge

6. This Committee is also responsible for making Councillor appointments to Outside Bodies within the Bishopstoke, Fair Oak and Horton Heath local area. A list of outside bodies to which the Local Councillors makes appointments to and the recommended nominees can be found at Appendix A.

Financial Implications

7. There are no financial implications associated with this decision.

Risk Assessment

8. Councillors must consider the implications and responsibilities of being involved with outside bodies as they must:
- Continue to comply with the Borough Council's Code of Conduct when they are acting as a representative of the Council.
 - Comply with the code of conduct of the outside body they are appointed to if one exists.

- Declare a personal interest in any business of the Borough Council where it relates to a body, they are appointed to by the Borough Council.
9. All Councillors are recommended to make sure that when they take up their appointment with the outside body, they have access to the key documents regulating the organisation such as its constitution or terms of reference to ensure they are aware of what the body can and cannot do and receive a briefing on the body or their role within it if necessary.
 10. There is a risk that appointments will not be made to all the outside bodies which could hinder the Borough Council in furthering its interests and priorities, and not develop the external facing role of Councillors.

Equality and Diversity Implications

11. The Equality Act is not relevant to the decision in this report because it is making an appointment to outside bodies. Equality and diversity will be considered as part of the work of these bodies.

Climate Change and Environmental Implications

12. Councillors are encouraged to travel sustainably where possible on Council business to reduce the impact on the environment. Following the Covid-19 pandemic, many informal meetings have continued to be held remotely therefore reducing the need for Councillors to travel to these.

Conclusion

13. That the appointments to the Regulatory Panels, other groups and Outside Bodies should approved for the 2022/23 municipal year.

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Appendices Attached: 1

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972 - SECTION 100D

The following is a list of documents which disclose facts or matters on which this report or an important part of it is based and have been relied upon to a material extent in the preparation of this report. This list does not include any published works or documents which would disclose exempt or confidential information. None.