

TONBRIDGE & MALLING BOROUGH COUNCIL

COUNCIL

27 April 2022

Report of the Director of Central Services and Deputy Chief Executive

Part 1- Public

Matters For Decision

1 APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES

1.1 Tonbridge Town Lands and Richard Mylls Charity

1.1.1 Correspondence has been received from the Clerk to the Town Wardens asking the Borough Council to consider reappointing Mrs Diane Huntingford and Mr Eddie Prescott for a further four year term until October 2026.

1.1.2 The terms of the Charity require the income to be applied for the benefit of the inhabitants of the former Urban District of Tonbridge and persons appointed as Town Wardens to be residents or to have extensive knowledge of the area. They may be, but need not be, a member of the Council.

1.1.3 The Charity has emphasised the value of having a person with a good knowledge of the local area and feel that Mrs Huntingford and Mr Prescott possess an extensive knowledge of the work of the Charity and a good understanding of the district.

1.1.4 Both appointees have indicated their willingness to accept this nomination.

1.1.5 The appointments would be until October 2026.

1.2 Sir Thomas Smythe Charity

1.2.1 The Borough Council has been notified that the Worshipful Company of Skinners (The Skinners Company) intend to consolidate the Company's grant making charities into a single charity foundation.

1.2.2 Details have been shared with the Borough Council appointees (Councillors V Branson and J Lark) who are supportive of the proposal to consolidate the Sir Thomas Smythe Charity into the Skinners Charity Foundation so that funds could be applied for in a more effective manner whilst maximising the impact for beneficiaries.

1.2.3 There will be no future requirement for the Borough Council to appoint a representative to this outside body as the Sir Thomas Smythe Charity will no longer exist as a separate entity.

1.3 Legal Implications

1.3.1 The matters raised in this report are considered to routine, uncontroversial or not legally complex and a legal opinion has not been sought on these proposals.

1.4 Financial and Value for Money Considerations

1.4.1 N/A

1.5 Risk Assessment

1.5.1 N/A

1.6 Equality Impact Assessment

N/A

1.7 Policy Considerations

1.7.1 Community

1.8 Recommendations

That:

- (1) Mrs Diane Huntingford be re-appointed as the Borough Council representative to serve on Tonbridge Town Lands and Richard Mylls Charity for a further four year period up to October 2026;
- (2) Mr Eddie Prescott be re-appointed as the Borough Council representative to serve on Tonbridge Town Lands and Richard Mylls Charity for a further four year period up to October 2026; and
- (3) the position in respect of the Sir Thomas Smythe Charity be noted

Background papers:

Nil

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