

TONBRIDGE & MALLING BOROUGH COUNCIL

COUNCIL

11 July 2023

Report of the Director of Central Services and Deputy Chief Executive

Part 1- Public

Matters For Decision

1 APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES

The statutory annual meeting of Council held on 17 May 2023 made a number of appointments to outside bodies. Following notification of these appointments, the Borough Council were advised of some inaccuracies in respect of number of representatives required and the status of some of the organisations.

1.1 This report advises Council of the changes required to be made to the Outside Bodies schedule.

1.2 Snodland Partnership

1.2.1 There was some confusion around the number of Borough Council appointees to this organisation. However, it has now been confirmed that Snodland Partnership has one Town Council representative and one Borough Council representative. Councillor Sue Bell is the current Town Council appointment and Councillor Paul Hickmott is the nominated Borough Council appointment.

1.3 Kent County Playing Fields Association

1.3.1 After the meeting of Annual Council, the Borough Council were advised that the charity no longer sought outside bodies representation and this organisation would be removed from the Outside Bodies Schedule.

1.4 Kent Flood Risk Management Committee

1.4.1 After the meeting of Annual Council, the Borough Council were advised that Tonbridge and Malling Borough Council 'do not currently have a seat on Kent Flood Risk Management Committee (KFRMC). The Chair continues to welcome the involvement and attendance of borough, district and city members and it was in this capacity that previous Borough Council appointments had attended KFRMC meetings.'

- 1.4.2 The KFRMC indicated that future agenda packs and any public resources shared at meetings, including presentations and briefings from flood risk management authorities would be received by the Borough Council's nominated representative, which in this case was Councillor Matt Boughton.

1.5 Overview and Scrutiny Review of Outside Bodies

- 1.5.1 At the meeting of Annual Council, the Leader and Chair of Overview and Scrutiny Committee both indicated the need to review the role of outside bodies to gain a better understanding of the aims and priorities of the organisations, the role of Borough Councillors and how information was fed back to the Council.

- 1.5.2 This was widely supported by Members and a scoping report on a review will be presented to a future meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

1.6 Legal Implications

- 1.6.1 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.

1.7 Financial and Value for Money Considerations

- 1.7.1 N/A

1.8 Risk Assessment

1.9 Equality Impact Assessment

- 1.10 The decisions recommended through this paper have a remote or low relevance to the substance of the Equality Act. There is no perceived impact on end users.

1.11 Policy Considerations

- 1.11.1 Community

1.12 Recommendations

- 1.12.1 That Councillor Paul Hickmott be appointed as the Borough Council outside body representative for Snodland Partnership;

- 1.12.2 That the Outside Body Schedule be updated to record that Snodland Partnership has 1 Town Council appointee and 1 Borough Council appointee;

- 1.12.3 That the Kent County Playing Fields Association be removed from the Outside Bodies Schedule;

- 1.12.4 That the position in respect of the Kent Flood Risk Management Committee be noted and that the organisation remain on the Outside Bodies Schedule so that Borough Council nominees continued to receive information; and

1.12.5 That a review of Appointments to Outside Bodies be undertaken by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee in due course.

Background papers:

Nil

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