

Council

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Part 1 - Public

Matters for Decision



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Appointments to Outside Bodies – Tonbridge Town Lands and Richard Mylls Charity

1 Summary and Purpose of Report

- 1.1 Following a request from the Clerk to the Town Wardens, the Borough Council is asked to consider reappointments.

2 Corporate Strategy Priority Area

- 2.1 Efficient services for all our residents, maintaining an effective council.
- 2.2 Appointments to outside bodies contribute to the above priority area as a valuable tool in maintaining effective dialogue and supporting local community and charitable organisations.

3 Recommendations

- 3.1 That Mr Owen Baldock 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 2028.

4 Introduction and Background

- 4.1 Correspondence has been received from the Clerk to the Town Wardens (attached) asking the Borough Council to reappoint Mr Owen Baldock for a further four-year term until October 2026.
- 4.2 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.

5 Proposal

5.1 The Charity has emphasised the value of having a person with a good knowledge of the local area and feel that Mr Baldock possesses an extensive knowledge of the work of the Charity and a good understanding of the district.

5.2 Mr Baldock has indicated his willingness to accept this nomination.

6 Other Options

6.1 The other options considered were:-

- Nominate a new representative

6.2 In light of the comments made in paragraph 5.1 it is not considered that a new representative should be considered at this time.

7 Financial and Value for Money Considerations

7.1 None arising from the proposals in this report.

8 Risk Assessment

8.1 There is no significant risk arising from the proposals set out in the report.

9 Legal Implications

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

10 Consultation and Communications

10.1 No public consultation is required as the proposals are the responsibility of the Borough Council.

11 Implementation

11.1 If approved the Clerk to the Town Wardens will be notified the next working day and the appointment will come into immediate effect.

12 Cross Cutting Issues

12.1 Climate Change and Biodiversity

12.1.1 Limited or low impact on emissions and environment.

12.1.2 Climate change advice has not been sought in the preparation of the options and recommendations in this report.

12.2 There will be no additional implications for climate change and biodiversity arising from this report.

12.3 Equalities and Diversity

12.3.1 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.

12.4 Other If Relevant

- None

Background Papers	None
Annexes	Email correspondence