

**APPOINTMENT OF OUTSIDE BODIES**

Relevant Portfolio Holder	Cllr Bill Hartnett
Portfolio Holder Consulted	Yes
Relevant Head of Service	Claire Felton, Head of Legal, Equalities and Democratic Services
Ward(s) Affected	All
Ward Councillor(s) Consulted	N/A
Key Decision / Non-Key Decision	Non key

**1. SUMMARY OF PROPOSALS**

- 1.1 This report sets out proposed appointments to various outside bodies. The Council has previously made a number of appointments at its Annual meeting, mainly those appointments to regional and other bodies, made by office.

**2. RECOMMENDATIONS**

The Council is requested to

- 1) consider a request from the Feckenham Education Endowment (Blue Coat School) to decide whether to appoint to the vacancy on the body, or whether it is content for the Endowment to amend its constitution to enable it to appoint direct;

and to RESOLVE that

- 2) subject to the decision at 1 above, the list of organisations set out in the appendix, to which the Council makes appointments and/or nominations, be agreed;
- 3) that appointments and nominations are made to each body as appropriate.

**3. KEY ISSUES**

**Financial Implications**

- 3.1 There are no financial implications arising from this report.

**Legal Implications**

- 3.2 No specific legislation governs the appointment or nomination of members to outside bodies by the Council. Depending on the nature of the relationship the Council has with the organisation, the legal status of the organisation, its corporate, charity or other status and its constitution, there are differing legal implications for the members sitting on these bodies. Where known, we have

set out the status of each body and any potential implications for Councillors who sit on it.

**Service / Operational Implications**

- 3.3 Prior to bringing the list to the Council, officers have contacted each of the organisations listed to find out whether nominations or appointments are still required. We have also checked their status, for example, establishing whether or not they are charities.
- 3.4 Where the Council had made an appointment to a body, officers also liaised with the current representative(s).
- 3.5 There are a number of changes to the list of bodies as a result of the review. Council representation is no longer sought by:
- i) Court of the University of Birmingham;
  - ii) The Redditch Trade Justice Network – this has been disbanded;
  - iii) Relate Worcestershire;
  - iv) The Reserve Forces and Cadet Association.
- 3.6 The Council has previously appointed a non-Councillor to the Feckenham Education Endowment (Blue Coat School). The most recent appointee, Mr Price, has indicated he wishes to stand down. The Secretary to the Endowment has asked the Council to consider whether it wishes to continue to appoint to this position – in which case they can make a suggestion for a nominee from among the community - or whether it is content for the Endowment to amend its constitution so that it can appoint direct.

**Customer / Equalities and Diversity Implications**

- 3.8 There are no specific implications arising from this report.

**4. RISK MANAGEMENT**

There would be risks arising if the Council failed to make appointments to the Outside Bodies listed in this report; the nature of the risk would vary depending on the type of body in question. The Council needs to participate in certain Outside Bodies to ensure that existing governance arrangements can be complied with. On other bodies the risk would be less severe but non-participation may detract from the Council's ability to shape and influence policies and activities which affect the residents of Redditch.

**5. APPENDICES**

Appendix 1 - list of outside bodies for appointment.

6. **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

None

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