

Annual Meeting of the Council

22nd June 2020

APPOINTMENT TO OUTSIDE BODIES

Relevant Portfolio Holder	N/A
Portfolio Holder Consulted	N/A
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

This report sets out proposed appointments to outside bodies and seeks nominations accordingly.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Council makes appointments to the bodies listed in the appendix to the report.

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.

3.3 The Local Authorities (Indemnities for Members and Officers) Order 2004 governs the Council's ability to indemnify members sitting on outside bodies

Service / Operational Implications

3.4 A number of bodies ask the Council to make appointments to them for terms of office which vary from one year upwards.

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- 3.5 Some of these appointments, usually to national or regional bodies, are usually made by office. Where there are specific requirements for appointments these are shown against the organisations in the appendix.
- 3.6 Members are asked to note the following changes which have occurred during 2019/20:-
- Disability Action Redditch (DAR) was disbanded in January 2020 and has been removed from the list.
 - The St Stephens Church Group is not operational having not met for some time and has also been removed from the list.
 - Changes have been made to the group formerly known as the Redditch Partnership Economic Theme Group and on the list at Appendix 1 this has been replaced by the Redditch Business Partnership.
 - The Town Centre Partnership has been disbanded in light of the introduction of the Redditch Business Improvement District or BID. The new organisation in the process of being formally set up. In the meantime the Town Centre Partnership has been removed from the list at Appendix 1.
 - In light of the decision of Members that the Council should no longer be a member of the Worcestershire LEP, the LEP Board and associated LEP committees have been removed from the list of appointments at Appendix 1.
- 3.7 For ease of reference the list at Appendix 1 includes all the outside bodies to which appointments are required to be made at the Annual Meeting of Council. There are some additional bodies that have been omitted from the list because the appointment(s) have already been made and no further nominations are needed for 2020/21.

Customer / Equalities and Diversity Implications

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

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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 would detract from the Councils ability to shape and influence policies and activities which affect the residents of Redditch.

5. APPENDICES

Appendix 1 - list of Outside bodes.

6. BACKGROUND PAPERS

Details of the various organisations referred to are held by Democratic Services. A protocol for appointments to outside bodies, Part 27 of the constitution, gives advice for councillors appointed.

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