

Annual Council

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Outside Body Appointments 2025/26

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Portfolio Holder Consulted		Yes
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Wards Affected		No specific ward relevance
Ward Councillor(s) consulted		N/A
Relevant Strategic Purpose(s)		An Effective and Sustainable Council
Non-Key Decision		
If you have any questions about this report, please contact the report author in advance of the meeting.		

1. RECOMMENDATIONS

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

2. BACKGROUND

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

3. OPERATIONAL ISSUES

- 3.1 A number of bodies ask the Council to make appointments to them for terms of office which vary from one year upwards.
- 3.2 Some of these appointments, generally 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.
- 3.3 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 2025/26.

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4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 There are no financial implications.

5. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 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.

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

6. OTHER - IMPLICATIONS

Relevant Strategic Purpose

- 6.1 The action proposed in this report supports the strategic purpose "an effective and sustainable Council".
- 6.2 It is good practice to consider outside body appointments on an annual basis and for Council to review the outside bodies list, as attached at Appendix 1 to this report.

Climate Change Implications

- 6.3 There are no climate change implications.

Equalities and Diversity Implications

- 6.4 There are no equalities and diversity implications.

7. RISK MANAGEMENT

- 7.1 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 Council's ability to shape and influence policies and activities which affect the residents of Redditch.

8. APPENDICES and BACKGROUND PAPERS

Appendix 1 – List of Outside Bodies

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.