
Shareholders Committee – Appointment of Committee Members 2025/26

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Wards Affected	No specific ward relevance
Ward Councillor(s) consulted	N/A
Relevant Council Priority	Sustainability
Non-Key Decision	
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1. RECOMMENDATIONS

The Executive Committee RESOLVE

- 1) To nominate and agree five Members of the Executive Committee to appoint to sit on the Shareholders Committee during the 2025/26 municipal year;**
- 2) To nominate and agree one of these five Members of the Executive Committee to be the Chair of the Shareholders Committee in the 2025/26 municipal year; and**
- 3) To nominate and agree one of these five Members of the Executive Committee to be the Vice Chair of the Shareholders Committee in the 2025/26 municipal year.**

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The report invites the Executive Committee to appoint Members to serve on the Shareholders Committee, including Members to serve as Chair and Vice Chair of the Committee, in the 2025/26 municipal year.

3. OPERATIONAL ISSUES

- 3.1 The Shareholders Committee is a key part of the governance structure for the Council company, Rubicon Leisure Limited.

- 3.2 In line with national best practice, the Shareholders Committee has been established as a sub-committee of the Executive Committee.
- 3.3 As a sub-Committee of the Executive Committee, it is a responsibility of the Executive Committee, rather than Council, to appoint Members to serve on the Shareholders Committee.
- 3.4 Members appointed to the Shareholders Committee are strongly encouraged to attend training in respect of their roles and responsibilities on this Committee, particularly if they have not previously attended training on this subject.
- 3.5 It is important to note that the Councillor appointed as the Chair of the Shareholders Committee will be required to present an annual report to Council relating to the activities of Rubicon Leisure Limited at the end of the municipal year.
- 3.6 Whilst only Executive Committee members may be appointed to serve on the Shareholders Committee, the leader of the opposition political group represented on the Council will be invited to attend meetings of the Committee to participate in the debate, in line with requirements detailed in the Committee's terms of reference.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 There are no specific financial implications arising in respect of this report.

5. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 The Council is the only Shareholder in Rubicon Leisure Limited.
- 5.2 The powers of the Council as Shareholder are vested in the Executive Committee assisted by the Shareholders Committee.

6. OTHER - IMPLICATIONS

Local Government Reorganisation

- 6.1 There are no specific implications for Local Government Reorganisation.

Relevant Council Priority

- 6.2 This report supports the Council's priority of sustainability.

- 6.3 The appointment of Members to the Shareholders Committee will help to ensure that meetings of the Committee can take place consistently during the year and address any matters reserved to the authority as shareholder.

Climate Change Implications

- 6.4 There are no specific climate change implications.

Equalities and Diversity Implications

- 6.5 There are no specific equalities and diversity implications.

7. RISK MANAGEMENT

- 7.1 The risk arising from not appointing Members to the Shareholders Committee is that the authority will not be able to fulfil its obligations as shareholder in Rubicon Leisure Limited. There is a risk that matters reserved to the shareholder could not then be addressed and this could undermine the sustainability of Rubicon Leisure Limited.

8. APPENDICES and BACKGROUND PAPERS

Background Papers

Committee Terms of Reference in the Council's Constitution.