

<b>Report of</b>	<b>Assistant Chief Executive</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Richard Clifford</b>
<b>Title</b>	<b>Appointments to External Organisations and Council Groups</b>		
<b>Wards affected</b>	Not applicable		

**This report concerns the appointment of representatives to external organisations and Council groups.**

## **1. Decision(s) Required**

- 1.1 To agree representatives for the Municipal Year 2016/2017 to the various external organisations and Council groups listed in Appendix A, such appointments to cease if the representatives cease to be members of the Council during the year. Please note the Appendix A will be published in the Supplementary Agenda.
- 1.2 To confirm that those Councillors who are not members of the Council groups for the Municipal Year 2016/2017 be confirmed as a pool of members able to act as substitute members on Council groups, in accordance with the normal requirements relating to substitute members set out in the Council's Constitution.
- 1.3 To authorise the Leader of the Council to make a determination where a nomination is deemed to be in dispute, if a vacancy occurs or if an appointment needs to be made to a new organisation during the course of the municipal year.
- 1.4 To note the reports from appointees to external organisation and council groups about the work undertaken in 2015-16, as set out in Appendix B.

## **2. Reasons for Decision(s)**

- 2.1 It is important for the Council to continue to make formal appointments to certain organisations and council groups such as those with statutory functions, our key strategic and community partners and groups with joint working arrangements. These groups have been identified in Appendix A.

## **3. Alternative Options**

- 3.1 No alternative options are proposed other than to authorise the Leader of the Council to make a determination where a nomination is deemed to be in dispute.

## **4. Supporting Information**

- 4.1 An exercise has been conducted to review the organisations and groups to which the Council has made appointments in the past. The IAA Member Working Group and Member Partnership Board have been superseded by the Essex Waste Partnership and it is no longer proposed to make an appointment to the Cory Environmental Trust as this is currently in process of being wound up. The Council's appointments to Firstsite, the

Arts Centre and Colchester Presents CiC Board are now included in the list of appointments.

4.2 In accordance with the agreed procedure for making appointments to external organisations and council groups, if any seat or vote allocation remains in dispute by the after the appointments have been made by Cabinet, the Leader of the Council can determine the matter.

4.3 A review of the Council's governance arrangements highlighted the need for the work undertaken by the Council's representative on outside bodies and Council groups to be formally reviewed. Therefore, information about the work of the Council's representatives on a number of the external organisations and Council groups in the 2015-16 municipal year is attached at Appendix B.

## **5. Financial implications**

5.1 Members are entitled to claim travel allowance in respect of attendance at meetings of the external organisations and Council groups to which they have been appointed.

## **6. Strategic Plan References**

6.1 The particular contribution that each of the external organisations and Council groups makes towards the aims of the Strategic Plan is indicated in in Appendix A..

## **7. Publicity Considerations**

7.1 Members appointed as representatives will be notified accordingly. Confirmation of appointments will be sent to the relevant external organisation and to officer contacts for the various Council groups.

## **8. Equality, Diversity and Human Rights Implications**

8.1 There are no direct implications for Equality and Diversity from these appointments and as such a full EQIA has not been deemed necessary. However the council and all representatives, both officers and members, will encourage and in some cases insist that our partners have the same approach to equality and diversity as we do and ensure that this is implicit within their policies and procedures.

## **9. Risk Management Implications**

9.1 Councillors fulfilling external and partnership appointments need to have regard to the information and advice contained within the 'Guidance for Members on Outside Bodies', a copy of which is in the Members' Room for reference.

## **10. Community Safety and Health and Safety Implications**

10.1 None