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<b>Title</b>	<b>Appointments to External Organisations and Council Groups and Abolition of the Revolving Investment Fund Committee</b>		
<b>Wards affected</b>	All		

## 1. Executive Summary

- 1.1 This report proposes appointments to a number of external organisations and Council groups and also provides a number of reports about the work undertaken by appointees to external organisations and Council groups in 2020-21. It also proposes that the Revolving Investment Fund Committee be abolished.

## 2. Recommended Decision

- 2.1 The representatives to the various external organisations and Council groups listed in Appendix A be appointed for the 2021-22 municipal year, with such appointments to cease if representatives cease to be members of the Council during the municipal year. Please note that an updated Appendix A containing details of the appointments will be circulated at or before the Cabinet meeting.
- 2.2 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.
- 2.3 To agree that the Revolving Investment Fund Committee be abolished, and its functions revert back to Cabinet.
- 2.4 To note the reports about the work undertaken by appointees to external organisations in 2020-21, as set out in Appendix B.

## 3. Reason for Recommended Decisions

- 3.1 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.
- 3.2 The Revolving Investment Fund Committee is no longer required as the functions previously performed by the Committee can be more effectively dealt with by Cabinet.

## 4. Alternative Options

- 4.1 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.

## **5. Background Information**

- 5.1 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.
- 5.2 In previous years, this report has confirmed the appointments to the Revolving Investment Fund (RIF) Committee. The RIF Committee is a sub-Committee of Cabinet operating under powers delegated by Cabinet. It is proposed that that the RIF Committee be abolished, and the functions previously undertaken by the Committee revert back to Cabinet and consequently no appointments be made to the RIF Committee.
- 5.3 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 2020-21 municipal year is attached at Appendix B.
- 5.4 The work of some of the organisations to which appointments are made are also reviewed and scrutinised through the work of the Council's Committees and Panels. The work of the Council's commercial companies is reported to the Governance and Audit Committee as the Shareholder Committee of the Council. A link to the report considered in January 2021 is below.

[Governance and Audit \(cmis.uk.com\)](https://cmis.uk.com)

The Member Development Group also reports annually to Cabinet and a report on their work will be submitted to a future Cabinet meeting.

## **6. Financial Implications**

- 6.1 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.

## **7. Strategic Plan References**

- 7.1 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.

## **8. Publicity Considerations**

- 8.1 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.

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

- 9.1 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.

## **10. Risk Management Implications**

- 10.1 Councillors fulfilling external and partnership appointments need to have regard to the information and advice contained within the 'Guidance for Members on Outside Bodies'.
- 11. Health, Well-being and Community Safety, Environmental and Sustainability and Health and Safety Implications**
- 11.1 No direct implications, however the appointments to outside bodies listed within this report enable the Council to better address issues within these areas.

## **Appendices**

Appendix A – Appointments to External Organisations and Council Groups 2021-22

Appendix B – Reports on Appointments to External Organisations and Council Groups 2020-21