

<b>Report of</b>	<b>Assistant Director – Corporate and Improvement Services</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Richard Clifford</b> ☎ 507832
<b>Title</b>	<b>Appointments to External Organisations and Council Groups</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 2021-22.

## **2. Recommended Decision**

- 2.1 The representatives to the various external organisations and Council groups listed in Appendix A be appointed for the 2022-23 municipal year, with such appointments to cease if representatives cease to be members of the Council during the municipal year. (A finalised version of Appendix A will be published in advance of 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 appoint Councillor King as the Council's Armed Forces Champion.
- 2.4 To note the reports about the work undertaken by appointees to external organisations in 2021-22, 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.

## **4. Alternative Options**

- 4.1 No alternative options are proposed. It is proposed to authorise the Leader of the Council to make a determination where a nomination is deemed to be in dispute or if an appointment needs to be made if a vacancy occurs or an appointment needs to be made to a new organisation in the course of the municipal year.

## **5. Background Information**

- 5.1 The organisations to which the Council make appointments have been reviewed. In line with the decision taken in February 2022 to withdraw, no appointment is made to the Haven Gateway Partnership. In addition Tendring Colchester Borders Garden Community Joint Committee has been added to the list of bodies to which appointments are made.

- 5.2 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.
- 5.3 The Council appoints an Armed Forces Champion whose role is to promote issues relating to the armed force within the Council and to help liaise with the Garrison. It is proposed to appoint Councillor King as Armed Forces Champion.
- 5.4 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 2021-22 municipal year is attached at Appendix B.
- 5.5 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 2022 is below.

[Governance and Audit Committee - review of CCHL Business Plans Jan 2022](#)

The Member Development Group also reports annually to Cabinet and a report on its 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 2022-23

Appendix B – Reports on Appointments to External Organisations and Council Groups 2021-2022