

Maidstone Borough Council

Corporate Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Tuesday 1 April 2008

Appointments to Outside Bodies

Report of: Senior Overview and Scrutiny Officer

1. Background

- 1.1 At the meeting of the Corporate Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 22 May 2007, Members considered their future work programme and discussed the topic of appointments to Outside Bodies:

“It was noted that the Strategic Leadership Overview and Scrutiny Committee had intended to review the Council’s appointments to Outside Bodies as part of the Partnerships Review in the Municipal Year 2006-07, but it had been too large an area to fit into the Committee’s Work Programme. It was therefore suggested that Outside Bodies be reviewed by a task and finish group in the same manner as Partnerships had been. The Committee agreed that this was important, as the Council appointed Members to a large number of Outside Bodies, and it was important to establish if these added value to the Council.”

- 1.2 Each political group on the Council nominated a representative to the working group and this group has met throughout the year to establish the value of the Council’s appointments to Outside Bodies.
- 1.3 The final report of the working group will be distributed to Members prior to the meeting. For further copies of this report, please contact Louise Smith, Senior Overview and Scrutiny Officer on louisesmith@maidstone.gov.uk or 01622 602524.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1 Members are recommended to consider the final report of the Outside Bodies Working Group and approve this for submission to the appropriate Cabinet Member.