

**MAIDSTONE BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**GENERAL PURPOSES GROUP**

**21 MAY 2012**

**REPORT OF HEAD OF DEMOCRATIC SERVICES**

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**1. Nominations to Outside Bodies**

1.1 Issue for Decision

1.1.1 To consider nominations received for Outside Bodies.

1.2 Recommendation of the Head of Democratic Services

That the nominations set out in the report be considered by the Group.

1.3 Reasons for Recommendation

1.3.1 The nominations to Outside Bodies to be made are listed below and copies of the Nomination Forms received are attached at Appendix A. Due to the election, the deadline for receiving nomination forms was put back to the 15<sup>th</sup> May, so further nominations may be received at the meeting.

1.3.2 Cutbush and Corrall Charities

Vacancy: 1 x Committee Member

The term of office starts immediately until 1 April 2016

No nominations have been received at present.

**Recommended:** That, if no nominations are received by the date of the meeting, nominations continue to be sought.

1.3.3 Kent Downs AONB Joint Advisory Committee

Vacancy: 1 x Committee Member

The term of office starts 21<sup>st</sup> May 2012 until 20<sup>th</sup> May 2013

A nomination has been received from Councillor Daphne Parvin.

**Recommended:** That the Group make an appointment to the vacancy with Kent Downs AONB Joint Advisory Group.

#### 1.3.4 Local Government Association Rural Commission

Vacancy: 1 x non-voting and 1 x voting

The term of office starts 31<sup>st</sup> May 2012 until 30<sup>th</sup> May 2013

A nomination has been received from Councillor Peter Parvin.

**Recommended:** That the Group make appointments to the vacancies with Local Government Association Rural Commission.

#### 1.3.5 Local Government Association Urban Commission

Vacancy: 1 x non-voting and 1 x voting

The term of office starts 31<sup>st</sup> May 2012 until 30<sup>th</sup> May 2013

No nominations have been received at present

**Recommended:** That, if no nominations are received by the date of the meeting, nominations continue to be sought.

#### 1.3.6 Maidstone Area Arts Partnership(Formerly Maidstone Area ArtsCouncil)

Vacancy: 3 x Committee Members

The term of office starts 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2012 until 21<sup>st</sup> May 2013

Nominations have been received from Councillors Pickett and Paterson.

**Recommended:** That the Group make appointments to the vacancies with Maidstone Area Arts Partnership.

#### 1.3.7 Maidstone YMCA

Vacancy: 2 x Committee Members

The term of office starts 21<sup>st</sup> May 2012 until 20<sup>th</sup> May 2013

Nominations have been received from Councillors Yates and Mortimer.

**Recommended:** That the Group make an appointment to the vacancies with Maidstone YMCA.

#### 1.3.8 Mid Kent Downs Steering Group

Vacancy: 1 x Committee Member and 1 x Substitute Member

The term of office starts 21<sup>st</sup> May 2012 until 20<sup>th</sup> May 2013

Nominations have been received from Councillors Ash (Substitute Member) and Daphne Parvin (Committee Member).

**Recommended:** That the Group make appointments to the vacancies with Mid Kent Downs Steering Group.

#### 1.3.9 Tourism South East

Vacancy: 1 x Committee Member and 1 x Substitute Member

The term of office starts 21<sup>st</sup> May 2012 until 20<sup>th</sup> May 2013

A nomination has been received from Councillor Peter Parvin (Committee Member).

**Recommended:** That the Group make appointments to the vacancies with Tourism South East.

#### 1.3.10 Upper Medway Internal Drainage Board

Vacancy: 2 x Committee Members

The term of office starts 1<sup>st</sup> July 2012 until 30th June 2014.

Nominations have been received from Councillors Nelson-Gracie, Warner and Peter Parvin.

**Recommended:** That the Group make appointments to the vacancies with Upper Medway Internal Drainage Board.

### 1.4 Alternative Action and why not Recommended

- 1.4.1 The Group could decide not to appoint to Outside Bodies but this is not recommended as representation within the Community is an important role.

1.5 Impact on Corporate Objectives

1.5.1 Appointing to the Outside Bodies in the report will allow Councillors to act as advocates for community issues and represent the Council on bodies that make a difference to the local community. This supports the corporate priority of corporate and customer excellence and, in particular, the outcome, to ensure vulnerable people are assisted.

1.6 Risk Management

1.6.1 The Committee will need to consider the potential risk to the Council’s reputation when making appointments to the bodies listed. A Scrutiny Review of Outside Bodies identified the importance of monitoring appointments and ensuring Members are fully aware of the role required.

1.7 Other Implications

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- 1. Financial
- 2. Staffing
- 3. Legal
- 4. Equality Impact Needs Assessment
- 5. Environmental/Sustainable Development
- 6. Community Safety
- 7. Human Rights Act
- 8. Procurement
- 9. Asset Management


1.8 Relevant Documents

1.8.1 Appendices

1.8.2 Appendix A – Nomination Forms received

1.8.3 Background Documents

None.

**IS THIS A KEY DECISION REPORT?**

Yes

No

If yes, when did it first appear in the Forward Plan?

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This is a Key Decision because: .....

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Wards/Parishes affected: .....

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