

**MAIDSTONE BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**GENERAL PURPOSES GROUP**

**19 NOVEMBER 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 and the Job Specification Forms are attached at Appendix B.

**1.3.2 Action with Communities in Rural Kent**

**Vacancies:** 2 x Committee Members

The term of office started 1 September 2012 for a term of one year.

Nominations have been received from Councillors Rodd Nelson-Gracie, Daphne Parvin and Stephen Paine.

**Recommended:** That the Group make an appointment to the vacancies with Action for Communities in Rural Kent.

**1.3.3 Brenchley Charity**

**Vacancy:** 1 X Nominative Trustee

The term of office started 1 October 2012 for a term of four years.

A nomination has been received from Councillor Daphne Parvin.

**Recommended:** That the Group make an appointment to the vacancy with Brenchley Charity.

#### 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 Appendix B – Job Specification forms

1.8.4 Background Documents

1.8.5 None.

**IS THIS A KEY DECISION REPORT?**

Yes

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No

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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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