

MAIDSTONE BOROUGH COUNCIL

GENERAL PURPOSES GROUP

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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

1.2.1 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. Copies of the Nomination Forms received are attached at Appendix A and copies of the Job Specifications are attached at Appendix B.

1.3.2 Cutbush and Corrall Charities

Vacancy: 1 x Trustee

The term of office starts from 1 April 2013 for a period of 4 years

Nominations have been received from Councillor John Barned and Mr Paul Oldham.

Recommended: That the Group make an appointment to the vacancy with the Cutbush and Corrall Charities.

1.3.3 Kent County Playing Fields Association

Vacancy: 1 x Committee Member

The term of office starts immediately until 30th September 2013

A nomination has been received from Councillor John A. Wilson.

Recommended: That the Group make an appointment to the vacancy with the Kent County Playing Fields Association.

1.3.4 Age Uk (Formerly Age Concern)

Vacancy: 1 x Committee Member

The term of office starts immediately until 27th September 2015

A nomination has been received from Councillor Clive English.

Recommended: That the Group make an appointment to the vacancy with Age Uk.

1.3.5 Local Government Association Rural Commission

Vacancy: 1 x Non-Elected, Voting

The term of office starts immediately until 30 May 2013.

A nomination has been received from Councillor Daphne Parvin.

Recommended: That the Group make an appointment to the vacancy with the Local Government Association Rural Commission.

1.3.6 Maidstone/Beauvais Twinning Association

Vacancy: 4 x Committee Members

The term of office starts from 1st April 2013 for one year

Nominations have been received from Councillors Wendy Hinder, Bryan Vizzard, Richard Ash and Michael Yates.

Recommended: That the Group make appointments to the vacancies with Maidstone/Beauvais Twinning Association.

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
Appendix B – Job Specifications

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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