

**MAIDSTONE BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**GENERAL PURPOSES GROUP**

**8 APRIL 2014**

**REPORT OF THE HEAD OF POLICY AND COMMUNICATIONS**

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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 Policy and Communications

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 as Appendix A and copies of the Job Specifications are attached as Appendix B to this report.

1.3.2 Maidstone Sea Cadets

Vacancy: 1 x Committee Member

The term of office would be effective from 9 April 2014 until 8 April 2018. This being a four year appointment.

A nomination has been received from Councillor Mike Cuming.

**Recommended:** That the Group make an appointment to the vacancy with the Maidstone Sea Cadets.

1.3.3 Cutbush & Corrall Charities

Vacancy: 1 x Trustee

The term of office would be effective from 9 April 2014 until 8 April

2018. This being a four year appointment.

Nominations have been received from Councillors Mrs Daphne Parvin and Brian Moss.

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

#### 1.3.4 Maidstone Area Arts Partnership

Vacancy: 1 x Committee Member

The term of office would be effective from 9 April 2014 until 8 April 2015. This being a one year appointment.

A nomination has been received from Councillor Dan Daley.

**Recommended:** That the Group make an appointment to the vacancy with the Maidstone Area Arts Partnership.

#### 1.3.5 Relief in Need Charities

Vacancy: 1 x Committee Member

The term of office would be effective from 9 April 2014 until 8 April 2018. This being a four year appointment.

A nomination has been received from Councillor Dan Daley.

**Recommended:** That the Group make an appointment to the vacancy with the Relief in Need Charities.

#### 1.3.6 Voluntary Action Maidstone

Voluntary Action Maidstone has recently advised the Council that they no longer have a representative board. In November 2012 their members voted to change their governing documents so that the Board of Directors/Trustees would be made up of independent people.

They are therefore no longer seeking to recruit any Trustees from the Council.

**Recommended:** That the change be noted and that this Organisation be taken off the list of Outside Bodies.

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

Appendix A – Nomination Forms received  
Appendix B – Job Specifications

1.8.2 Background Documents

None

<b><u>IS THIS A KEY DECISION REPORT?</u></b>		<b><u>THIS BOX MUST BE COMPLETED</u></b>	
Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
If yes, this is a Key Decision because: .....			
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Wards/Parishes affected: .....			
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