

# Somerset West and Taunton Council

## Annual Council – 26<sup>th</sup> May 2020

### Appointments of Representatives on Outside Bodies

This matter is the responsibility of the Leader of the Council – Councillor Federica Smith-Roberts

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#### 1 Executive Summary / Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 This report is to finalise the appointment of representatives to serve on outside bodies for the period to the Annual Council Meeting in 2021 (except where specific periods are stated, where appointment to those bodies has been delegated by the Council or is exercisable only by the Executive.)

#### 2 Recommendations

Council resolves to;

- 2.1 Agree the Appointments of Representatives to Outside Bodies for 2020/2021.

#### 3 Risk Assessment (if appropriate)

- 3.1 The risk of the Council not finalising these appointments, could lead to the reputational damage to the Council and the dissolution of important links.

#### 4 Background and Full details of the Report

- 4.1 The Appointments to Outside Bodies for the 2019/2020 municipal year were confirmed at Full Council on 30<sup>th</sup> July 2019, but this scope is only given by our Constitution (Page 160) on a given Election year.
- 4.2 Work has been undertaken over the course of the last year to make contact with those relevant organisations identified to re-establish the links that existed with the previous two Councils if so wished and inform them of their proposed representative. There is an intent to establish a mechanism by where those sitting on Outside Bodies can regularly report back to Councillors on their activities, for e.g. through a weekly bulletin.
- 4.3 The next steps will be to make contact again with those relevant organisations identified once approved by Council.

#### 5 Links to Corporate Aims / Priorities

- 5.1 This report aligns with Strategic Theme 2 – A Council which informs and engages openly with our stakeholders and which consistently delivers excellent customer service.

5.2 Objective 5 states “Develop and deliver effective communications, consultation and engagement which listens to and engages with our residents and stakeholders and is central to the delivery of our services, strategies and plans.”

## **6 Finance / Resource Implications**

6.1 Not relevant to this report.

## **7 Legal Implications (if any)**

7.1 Councillors serving on Outside Bodies should pay heed to the advice document given at Appendix D which sets out Member Responsibilities and Potential Liabilities.

## **8 Climate and Sustainability Implications (if any)**

8.1 None considered relevant to this report.

## **9 Safeguarding and/or Community Safety Implications (if any)**

9.1 Councillors serving on Outside Bodies should pay heed to the advice document given at Appendix D which sets out Member Responsibilities and Potential Liabilities.

## **10 Equality and Diversity Implications (if any)**

10.1 None considered relevant to this report.

## **11 Social Value Implications (if any)**

11.1 None considered relevant to this report.

## **12 Partnership Implications (if any)**

12.1 Implications arising from this are covered in the Guidance attached at Appendix B.

## **13 Health and Wellbeing Implications (if any)**

13.1 None considered relevant to this report.

## **14 Asset Management Implications (if any)**

14.1 None considered relevant to this report.

## **15 Data Protection Implications (if any)**

15.1 None considered relevant to this report.

## **16 Consultation Implications (if any)**

16.1 Consultation to be undertaken with Group Leaders.

## **17 Scrutiny Comments / Recommendation(s) (if any)**

16.1 Not relevant to this report.

**Democratic Path:**

- **Scrutiny / Corporate Governance or Audit Committees – No**
- **Cabinet/Executive – No**
- **Full Council – Yes**

**Reporting Frequency: Annually****List of Appendices**

Appendix A	List of Appointments to Outside Bodies 19/20
Appendix B	Response sheet to SWT Contact 19/20
Appendix C	List of Appointments to Outside Bodies 20/21 (TO FOLLOW)
Appendix D	Outside Bodies Guidance Document

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