

Representation on External Bodies and Nominations to Surrey Leaders' Group to Represent the District/Boroughs on Outside Bodies

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Annexes/Appendices (attached):

Annex 1: Schedule of existing and recommended appointments to External Bodies, Officer/Member Working Groups and Inter-Authority Partnerships & Champions **(to follow)**

Other available papers (not attached): None

Report summary

This report seeks appointments to representation on external bodies and nominations to external bodies as a representative of the Surrey Leaders' Group.

Recommendation (s)

The Council is requested to:

- (1) Appoint representatives to the external bodies listed in the Annex to this report;**
- (2) Appoint the Member Champions listed in the Annex to this report;**
- (3) Note that the appointment of Borough members who are nominated as substitutes on Surrey County Council's Local Committee will be subject to a decision by the Local Committee in June as to whether it wishes to have substitute members;**
- (4) Delegate to the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Chairman of the Strategy and Resources Committee, the nomination of a councillor to the vacancy advised by the Surrey Leaders' Group should more than one candidate be put forward in relation to the particular vacancy;**
- (5) Note the various Officer/Member Working Groups appointed by Committees or inter-authority partnerships upon which the Council has representation.**

1 Implications for the Council's Key Priorities, Service Plans and Sustainable Community Strategy

- 1.1 There are no direct implications for the above matters arising from this report.

2 Representation on External Bodies

- 2.1 The Council is asked to approve the appointments and nominations to external bodies as set out in the Annexe to this report.

3 Substitute Members on Surrey County Council's Local Committee

- 3.1 No substitutes for the Council's co-opted members are permitted on the Local Committee the Local Committee agrees otherwise at its first meeting following the Annual Council meeting of this Council, and in relation to all meetings in the following year, that substitutes may be appointed.

4 Nominations to External Bodies as representatives of the Surrey Leaders Group

- 4.1 Currently, the Borough Council is requested annually to make nominations to a variety of external bodies as Surrey Leaders' Group (SLG) representatives. Nominations, which are made by all constituent authorities, are subsequently determined by the SLG at its annual meeting. It does not necessarily follow, therefore, that a nominee of this Council will be appointed to the Body concerned.
- 4.1 Appointments are usually for three years. As it currently stands, there are two positions to be filled this year which are:
- 4.1.1 **SCC Wellbeing and Health Scrutiny Board** - one position for three years
- 4.1.2 **Surrey and Borders Partnership NHS Foundation Trust (Mental Health Foundation Trust)** – one position for three years
- 4.2 Surrey County Council's Wellbeing and Health Scrutiny Board (formerly the Health Scrutiny Select Committee) performs a statutory function looking at the work of the Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs) and National Health Service (NHS) provider trusts. It acts as a 'critical friend' by suggesting ways that health related services might be improved.
- 4.3 The Board looks at the way the health service interacts with our social care services, the voluntary sector, independent providers and other council services to jointly provide better health services to meet the diverse needs of Surrey residents and improve their well-being. It is a scrutiny committee of the County Council.

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- 4.4 **NOTE:** Nominees cannot be a Member of the Council's Executive (or equivalent) and should be members of the Council's Scrutiny (or equivalent) committee.
- 4.5 The Board sits during the day at County Hall and the number of meetings varies.
- 4.6 Surrey and Borders Partnership NHS Trust provides health and social care services for people with mental health illness, drug and alcohol addictions and learning disabilities across Surrey and North East Hampshire. As one of the largest mental health and learning disability Trusts in the country the Trust employs over 3,400 people who work across 127 sites serving 1.3 million people of all ages. The overall aspiration of the Surrey and Borders Partnership NHS Trust is to ensure that people living within its catchment area enjoy consistently good mental health and wellbeing.
- 4.7 Meetings take place during the afternoon at various venues around central Surrey.
- 4.8 **The deadline for receipt of nominations** by the SLG is **Friday 24 May 2018** and it is therefore proposed that, should more than one candidate, if any, be put forward, authority be delegated to the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Chairman of the Strategy and Resources Committee, to nominate a councillor to the vacancies advised by the Surrey Leaders' Group.
- 4.9 Any prospective nominees would have been expected to have completed the appropriate nomination for by the same date to be forwarded onto the SLG secretary.

5 Member Champions

- 5.1 A number of authorities across the country and in Surrey appoint Member Champions. These champions act as a focus at elected member level in respect of a specific area of interest designated by the Council to ensure that full consideration is given to the impact of Council activities and decisions in relation to the issue they represent.
- 5.2 It is proposed to appoint Champions as set out in the Annex to this report.

6 Officer/Member Working Groups and Inter-Authority Partnerships

- 6.1 There are a number of Officer/Member Working Groups that have been established by Committees of this Council or inter-authority partnerships upon which the Council has representation to assist in the formulation of policy or effective decision-making. For information, current member representation on these is set out in **Annex**.

- 6.1.1 **Capital Member Group:** Appointed by Strategy and Resources Committee, member representatives currently being the Chairman of the Strategy and Resources Committee, three other members usually but not necessarily policy committee Chairman and a minority group representative.
- 6.1.2 **Investment Property Group:** Appointed by Strategy and Resources Committee, member representatives being the Chairman of the Strategy and Resources Committee and the Vice Chairman of the Strategy and Resources Committee.
- 6.1.3 **CIL Panel:** Appointed by Strategy and Resources Committee, member representatives being the Chairman of Strategy and Resources Committee, the Chairman of Community and Wellbeing Committee, one other member drawn from the Strategy and Resources Committee and a substitute.
- 6.1.4 **Car Parking Working Group:** Appointed by the Environment & Safe Communities Committee, comprising five member representatives.
- 6.1.5 **Surrey Environment Partnership (formerly the Surrey Waste Partnership):** A collaborative group comprising Surrey County Council and all 11 Borough and District Councils.
- 6.1.6 **Surrey Countryside Partnership Board:** The governing body of the established county-wide countryside management service, comprising of three partnerships working under the Surrey Countryside Partnerships team umbrella. The relevant partnership for this Council is the Lower Mole Partnership, which covers North Surrey, spanning Cobham, Kingston, Epsom, Leatherhead and Dorking.

7 Financial and Manpower Implications

- 7.1 None arising from the contents of this report.
- 7.2 **Chief Finance Officer's comments:** *None arising from the contents of this report.*

8 Legal Implications (including implications for matters relating to equality)

- 8.1 None arising from the contents of this report.
- 8.2 **Monitoring Officer's comments:** *None arising from the contents of this report.*

9 Sustainability Policy and Community Safety Implications

- 9.1 There are no direct sustainability or community safety implications arising from this report.

10 Partnerships

- 10.1 The Council works in a number of different ways with a number of outside bodies, who undertake a wide range of activities for the benefit of the Borough and its residents and businesses. Active and engaged representatives appointed by the Council can help to build and sustain good relationships, and further that good work.

11 Risk Assessment

- 11.1 There are risks for individuals depending on the nature of the appointment being sought. For example, where members are asked to become trustees of a charity, they need to ensure that they understand the personal duties that trustees owe to the charity concerned.
- 11.2 Any members unsure of their status and obligations should ask the outside body for information and advice and/or seek advice from the Council's Chief Legal Officer.

12 Conclusion and Recommendations

- 12.1 In conclusion it is recommended that Council agree the recommendations so that the relevant appointments can be made.

Ward(s) Affected: (All Wards);