

REPRESENTATION ON EXTERNAL BODIES AND NOMINATION TO EXTERNAL BODIES AS A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE SURREY LEADERS' GROUP

<u>Report of the:</u>	Chief Executive
<u>Contact:</u>	Fiona Cotter
<u>Annexes/Appendices</u> (attached):	Schedule of existing and recommended appointments to External Bodies (to follow)
<u>Other available papers</u> (not attached):	None stated

REPORT SUMMARY

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

<u>RECOMMENDATION (S)</u>	<i>Notes</i>
<p>The Council is requested to:</p> <p>(1) Appoint representatives to the external bodies listed in the <u>Annexe</u> to this report (to follow);</p> <p>(2) 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;</p> <p>(3) 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.</p>	

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 are permitted for District/Borough Council co-opted members of Local Committees unless a Local Committee agrees otherwise at its first meeting following the Annual Council meeting 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.
- 4.2 Appointments are usually for three years. There are two positions to be filled this year which are one of the three joint positions on the SCC Wellbeing and Health Scrutiny Board (either for a two or three year term of office) and a position on the Countryside Access Forum (a three year term of office).
- 4.3 The SCC Wellbeing and Health Scrutiny Board (formerly 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. It also 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.
- 4.4 The Board meets during the day at County Hall in Kingston. The frequency of meetings varies.
- 4.5 The Countryside Access Forum advises the Countryside Agency on arrangements for countryside access including rights of way and open access to land. It consists of 22 members, including two County Councillors and the Borough/District representative appointed by the SLG.
- 4.6 The Forum meets during the day at various venues around central Surrey. It meets four times a year.
- 4.7 The deadline for receipt of nominations by the SLG is Friday 26 May 2017 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.

- 4.8 Should any nominations be forthcoming, the successful nominee would also need to complete the appropriate nomination form and return it to the Democratic Services Manager by Friday 26 May 2017 at the very latest

5 Financial and Manpower implications

- 5.1 ***Chief Finance Officer's comments:*** *There are no financial implications arising from this report.*

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

- 6.1 ***Monitoring Officer's comments:*** *There are no legal implications arising from this report.*

7 Sustainability Policy and Community Safety Implications

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

8 Partnerships

- 8.1 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.

9 Risk Assessment

- 9.1 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 which trustees owe to the charity concerned. 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 Head of Legal & Democratic Services.

10 Conclusion and Recommendations

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

WARD(S) AFFECTED: (All Wards);