

# Cherwell District Council

## Lead Member Report for Leader of the Council

10 August 2017

### Appointment of Representatives to Partnerships, Outside Bodies and Member Champions 2017/18

#### Report of Assistant Director – Transformational Governance

This report is public

#### Purpose of report

To appoint representatives to Partnerships, Outside Bodies, internal Working Groups and Member Champions for the municipal year 2017/18.

#### 1.0 Recommendations

The Lead Member is recommended:

- 1.1 To make and cease appointments to partnerships, outside bodies, internal Working Groups and Member Champions for 2017/18 as set out in Appendix 1 to this report.
- 1.2 That authority be delegated to the Assistant Director – Transformational Governance, in consultation with the Leader, to appoint Members to outstanding vacancies and make changes to appointments as may be required for the remainder of the 2016-2017 Municipal Year.

#### 2.0 Introduction

- 2.1 The Lead Member for Clean and Green undertook the annual review of outside bodies, partnerships, working groups and Member Champions. This report appoints representatives in line with the outcome of the review.

#### 3.0 Report Details

##### Representatives on Outside Bodies and Partnerships

- 3.1 The business of local government includes considerable partnership working and work in the community. The Council's and a Councillors' representational role is enhanced and strengthened by participating in outside bodies.

- 3.2 Members are appointed annually to serve as representatives on outside bodies and partnerships.

#### **Annual Review**

- 3.3 Representatives on outside bodies and partnerships will submit an annual report on activities undertaken during the municipal year.
- 3.4 The reports will inform the annual review of partnerships and outside bodies and appointments for the subsequent municipal year.

### **4.0 Conclusion and Reasons for Recommendations**

- 4.1 This report is in accordance with the conclusions of the review of Partnerships and Outside Bodies.
- 4.2 It is proposed that representatives are appointed to Partnerships, Outside Bodies and Member Champions as set out at Appendix 1.
- 4.3 Delegation to the Assistant Director – Transformational Governance provides flexibility for the remainder of the Municipal Year to appoint to the outstanding vacancies, or if amendments are required to any appointments, and ensures they are made in a timely manner.

### **5.0 Consultation**

- 5.1 All Members and outside body representatives have been consulted as part of the annual review.

### **6.0 Alternative Options and Reasons for Rejection**

- 6.1 The following alternative options have been identified and rejected for the reasons as set out below.

Option 1: Make no appointments to partnerships, outside bodies and internal working groups. Rejected as this would mean the Council was not represented on partner organisations and outside bodies within the District.

### **7.0 Implications**

#### **Financial and Resource Implications**

- 7.1 There are financial implications arising from Member mileage, training and attendance at events, but this expenditure is included within existing budgets. The Assistant Director – Transformational Governance has delegated authority to approve Member attendance at events.

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## Legal Implications

- 7.2 Those representing the Council on outside bodies can refer to the guidance note in the constitution for assistance on the legal liabilities arising from such involvement. There are no legal implications arising directly from this report.

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## 8.0 Decision Information

Reason Non-Key: Less than financial threshold, less than community impact threshold and not delegated to an officer.

### Wards Affected

All

### Links to Corporate Plan and Policy Framework

All

### Lead Councillor

Councillor Barry Wood, Leader of the Council

## Document Information

Appendix No	Title
Appendix 1	Appointments to Partnerships, Outside Bodies and Member champion Schedule, 2017/18
<b>Background Papers</b>	
None	
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