

CABINET

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ANNUAL APPOINTMENTS TO EXTERNAL BODIES

REPORT OF HEAD OF DEMOCRATIC SERVICES

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RECENT REFERENCES:

None.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report lists the annual appointments that are required to be made to external bodies for 2008/09. It also lists a number of other ad-hoc appointments that are also required to be made at this time.

In addition, the current arrangements regarding the South Downs Joint Committee arrangements are due for renewal. Section 3 of the Report provides further details.

Appendices A and B to the report list the nominations received for each external body. Any nominations received at the time this report was prepared have been included, any further nominations will be reported verbally at the meeting.

As this report has been prepared in advance of the Annual Council meeting on 14 May 2008, references to Portfolio Holders and Portfolios are based on arrangements agreed for 2007/08.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. That Cabinet makes appointments for the vacancies detailed within the report.
2. That Cabinet agrees to the renewal of the formal Agreement giving authority for the formation of a South Downs Joint Committee, for a further period of three years.
3. That Cabinet agrees to delegated authority being given to the Head of Strategic Planning, in consultation with the Head of Legal Services and Portfolio Holder for Planning and Transport, to agree the terms and conditions in the renewed Agreement.

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- 1.1 Appendix A to the report gives details of a number of appointments to external bodies that are made on an annual basis and are required to be made for the 2008/09 Municipal Year.

2 Ad-Hoc Appointments to Outside Bodies

- 2.1 Appendix B to the report lists a number of other ad-hoc vacancies that have arisen on outside bodies. These organisations are not all appointed on an annual basis and the other vacancies therefore arise throughout the year. The appointments to these organisations are made by Cabinet.

3 South Downs Joint Committee

- 3.1 In addition to the issue of Member representation on the South Downs Joint Committee there is, currently, the further matter of the Committee's continuing role.
- 3.2 A formal Agreement between the City Council and the other partner authorities in Hampshire, West Sussex and East Sussex permitted the establishment of the Committee as the interim management body for the South Downs, pending the outcome of the South Downs National Park proceedings. This three-year Agreement was brought into operation in July 2005 and subsequently expired on the 30th April 2008.
- 3.3 At the time, this inaugurating Agreement was not expected to require renewal. However, as the designation of a National Park is currently the subject of a second Public Inquiry and the prospect of any final decision by central government is still many months ahead, there is a pressing need to extend some effective form of interim management.
- 3.4 With regard to the Joint Committee arrangement, this has worked well over the past three years and has operated equitably within the three counties to: consolidate strategic management; to increase planning inputs and practical countryside management; and to raise awareness and public enjoyment of the South Downs.
- 3.5 The Committee has already undertaken a number of new initiatives, including the South Downs Sustainable Development Fund. This is a grant scheme co-ordinated by Natural England, on behalf of the Department of Environment Farming and Rural Affairs and from this grants of up to £25,000 can be awarded to organisations, businesses, communities or individuals who are committed to developing and implementing practical projects which bring ongoing environmental and economic benefits to the East Hampshire and South Downs AONBs.
- 3.6 On the basis of this ongoing performance, there is clear support among the other authorities that the work of the Joint Committee should be permitted to continue for the foreseeable future. To enable this to happen it is, therefore, recommended that the City Council should join with its partners in renewing the Agreement for a further three-year period and that the detailed terms of the Agreement should be monitored and approved by the Head of Strategic Planning, in consultation with the Head of Legal Services and the Portfolio Holder for Planning and Transport.

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS:

4 CORPORATE STRATEGY (RELEVANCE TO):

- 4.1 Relevant to the key priority of partnership “ensuring we work with partner organisations to deliver real improvements to peoples’ quality of life.”

5 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:

- 5.1 Any travel expenses can be met within the existing Members’ Allowances Scheme.
- 5.2 The City Council is a funding partner of the AONB Project. The contribution for the financial year 2008/09 was agreed at Cabinet on 21 April 2008 in Report CAB1655 at £11,400. In view of this agreed contribution, it is unlikely that additional financial contributions or other resource inputs will be required during the same period.

6 BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS:

Files held in the Democratic Services Division.

6 APPENDICES:

Appendix A: Annual Appointments to External Bodies
Appendix B: Ad-Hoc Appointments to Outside Bodies

Annual Appointments to External Bodies

<u>ORGANISATION</u>	<u>EXISTING REPRESENTATIVES</u> (Deputies shown in brackets)	<u>NUMBER OF VACANCIES</u> <u>(deputy shown in brackets)</u>	<u>NOMINATIONS</u> (Deputies shown in brackets)
Bishops Waltham Sports Committee	Councillor Huxstep (Chamberlain)	1 (1)	
Carroll Youth Centre	Councillor Tait (Collin)	1 (1)	Councillor Collin
Friends of Hyde Abbey Gardens	Councillor Nelmes	1	Councillor Nelmes <i>(must be St Bartholomew Ward Member)</i>
Hampshire & Isle of Wight Association of Local Authorities (HIOWA)	Councillors Beckett and Hollingbery	2	
Hampshire County Council Annual Meeting with Parish & District Councils regarding public transport issues	Councillor Wood	1	<i>(must be Portfolio Holder)</i>
Health for All Committee	Councillors Baxter, Collin and Hammerton	3	Councillor Collin
Live Theatre Winchester Trust Limited	Councillor Stallard	1	<i>(must be Portfolio Holder)</i>
Local Government Association	Councillor Beckett (Hollingbery)	1 (1)	<i>(Leader and Deputy position)</i>
Local Government Association Rural Commission	Councillor Lipscomb (Hollingbery)	1 (1)	

Local Government Association Urban Commission	Ex-Councillor Saunders (Huxstep)	1 (1)	
Meadowside Leisure Centre User Forum	Councillors Stallard and Anthony	2	Councillor Achwal <i>(one appointment must be the Portfolio Holder)</i>
National Parking Adjudication Joint Committee	Councillor Wood	1	<i>(must be Portfolio Holder)</i>
Project Integra Management Board	Councillor Pearson (Coates)	1 (1)	<i>(Board Members must be Members of Cabinet)</i>
Project Integra Policy Review and Scrutiny Committee	Councillor Wright (Wagner)	1 (1)	Councillor Higgins
Partnership for Urban South Hampshire (PUSH) Joint Committee	Councillor Beckett (Hollingbery)	1 (1)	
River Park Leisure Centre User Forum	Councillors Stallard and Stephens	2	Councillor Love
Southampton, Hampshire, Isle of Wight and Portsmouth Arts Forum (SHIPS)	Councillor Stallard (Wood)	1 (1)	Councillor Evans
South Downs Joint Committee	Councillors Lipscomb and Wood	1	<i>Winchester City Council is entitled to one representative for 2008/09 (and East Hants District Council entitled to two representatives).</i>
South East Employers	Councillor Godfrey (Cooper)	1 (1)	
South East Regional Assembly (SEERA)	Councillor Beckett (Hollingbery)	1 (1)	
Stanmore Combined	New Post	1	<i>(must be Portfolio Holder)</i>

Strategic Planning Joint Advisory Committee	Councillor Wood	1	<i>(must be Portfolio Holder)</i>
Tourism South East	Councillor Evans (Stallard)	1 (1)	Councillor Evans <i>(Cllr Evans is an elected Director of TSE Board of Directors and must be the TSE WCC Tourism Council rep. to retain this position).</i>
Twyford Waterworks	Ex-Councillor Sutton (Wagner)	1 (1)	Councillor Izard
WCC/SERCo Member Liaison Meeting	Councillors Allgood, Busher, Coates, Hollingbery, Pearson and Wagner	7	Councillor Collin
Winchester Allotment Holders Society	Councillor Berry	1	
Winchester and District Savers (WADS)	Councillor Johnston	1 (1 observer)	Councillor Johnston
Winchester District Board of the Council for the Protection of Rural England (CPRE)	Councillor Cooper	1	Councillor Higgins
Winchester District Joint Consultative Committee	Portfolio Holders relevant to agenda Councillors Beckett and Evans	3 plus Portfolio Holders relevant to agenda	Portfolio Holders relevant to agenda Councillor Evans
Winchester Hampshire Action Plan (HAT) – Highways Meeting	Portfolio Holder for Planning and Transport (Cllr Wood) and Councillor Beveridge	Portfolio Holder plus 1 other	Portfolio Holder for Planning and Transport Councillor Fall
Winchester Housing Trust	Councillor Tait	1 (1 observer)	
Winchester Inclusive Housing Forum	Councillors Love and Tait	2	Councillor Love

Winchester Indoor Sports Association (Lido Sports Club)	Ex-Councillor Sutton	1	Councillor Maynard
Winchester Road Safety Council Committee	Councillor Pearson (Verney)	1 (1)	Councillor Pearson, Councillor Fall

Ad-Hoc Appointments to External Bodies

<u>ORGANISATION</u> (Term of office in brackets)	<u>NUMBER OF VACANCIES</u>	<u>EXISTING REPRESENTATIVE</u> (Deputy shown in brackets)	<u>NOMINATIONS</u>
Age Concern (until 31 May 2009)	1 + Deputy	Councillor Berry (Cooper)	
Bishops Waltham Citizens Advice Bureau (until 15 May 2009)	1	Councillor Busher	
Havant & District Citizens Advice Bureau (until 30 May 2009)	1	Councillor Stallard	
Hospital of St Cross and Almshouse of Noble Poverty (Until 30 May 2012)	1	Ex-Councillor Beveridge	Councillor Evans <i>(The person appointed will be known as a “Nominative Trustee” and must be a member of the Church of England)</i>
Knowle Community Buildings Association (until 30 May 2009)	1 + Observer	Councillor Evans (Clear)	Councillors Evans and Clear <i>(As agreed at Cabinet on 11 April 2007, these appointments should be Wickham Ward Members)</i>
Relate (until 30 June 2009)	1	Ex-Councillor Saunders	Councillor Love
River Hamble Harbour Management Sub-Committee (until 30 September 2010)	1	Ex-Councillor Sutton	Councillor Mason
Southampton University Court (until 31 May 2010)	1	Ex-Councillor Sutton	Councillor Mitchell
Swanmore Community Facilities Management Sub-Committee (until May 2009)	1 + Deputy	Councillor Weston (Pearson)	Councillor Achwal

Trinity Centre – Management Committee (until 30 June 2009)	3	Councillors Coates, Hiscock and Tait	Councillor Higgins
Whiteley Community Association (until 30 May 2009)	1 + Deputy	Ex-Councillor Chapman (Anthony)	Councillor Achwal
Winchester City Centre Management Limited (until 30 June 2009)	1	Councillor Beckett	
Winchester Welfare Charities	1	Mr (now Councillor) Alan Mitchell	Councillor Mitchell <i>(preference for Town Ward Member as this is a Winchester Town Charity)</i>