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Report Title Appointments to Outside Bodies

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Appendix A – List of Outside Bodies and Proposed Appointees

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1. Outside bodies are external organisations which have requested that the Council appoint a representative to them. In most cases the outside bodies to which West Northamptonshire Council is asked to appoint representatives are the same as those appointed to by the predecessor authorities.
- 1.2. Appointments to outside bodies can be an important mechanism for community leadership, partnership and joint working and knowledge and information sharing. In some cases, the

Members appointed will be council representatives i.e. they will be expected to represent the Council's views and interests at meetings. On other bodies, Members will be nominees where their main responsibility will be to the organisation to which they have been appointed. In either case the bodies to which Members are appointed will be expected to make this clear to the appointees. In all cases, outside bodies have separate governance structures to the Council.

- 1.3. Members should note that, in the case of outside bodies and other organisations with executive functions, Cabinet has already delegated power to the leader to determine these appointments. However, the list attached as Appendix A is attached for completeness.

2. Executive Summary

- 1.4. The report seeks the endorsement of Cabinet (for bodies with executive functions) and Council (for bodies with non-executive functions) for the appointment of Members to the outside bodies listed in Appendix A.

3. Recommendations

- 3.1 It is recommended that the Cabinet and Council:
 - a) Note and endorse the appointments to outside bodies set out at Appendix A
 - b) Note that further work is required in relation to a small number of outside bodies and agreed that delegated authority be granted to the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Leader(s) of any group to whom a place on an outside body has been allocated, to make such appointments in due course.

4. Reason for Recommendations

- 4.1 The Council is responsible for appointing Members to a range of outside bodies. By making such appointments the Council can ensure its interests are represented and/or those bodies receive appropriate support from the nominated Members.

5. Report Background

- 5.1 The Council has established a schedule of outside bodies to which West Northamptonshire Council is responsible for making appointments. These bodies are generally local in nature but may include some national or regional bodies. In some cases, these are strategic organisations where Members can shape and influence policy affecting West Northamptonshire. In others, the role of the appointed Member is important in promoting the relationship with the Council or providing support to the body concerned. The Appendix identifies the places that the Council can appoint to in each case. The names of Members have been provided by the political groups.
- 5.2 The list of outside bodies has largely been inherited from the predecessor councils. In some cases officers have taken steps to contact bodies where further information is required prior to nominations being made. In such cases, delegated authority is sought that these appointments

may be made in accordance with the recommendation set out at 3.1 b). In some instances these bodies have advised the Council that appointments are no longer required to be made by the Council (e.g. the Sir Thomas White Charity). In these cases the details of the bodies have been removed from the list at Appendix A.

6. Issues and Choices

- 6.1 Once the decision is confirmed, the appointments will be communicated to the Members and the outside bodies and partnerships. The schedule of appointments will be kept under review during the year and Democratic Services will deal with any changes that arise.
- 6.2 The Council may choose not to appoint to the outside bodies in Appendix A but would need to consider whether there would be any implications arising for the Council or the body concerned by not making an appointment.

7. Implications (including financial implications)

7.1 Resources and Financial

- 7.1.1 There are no resources or financial implications arising directly from the proposals. Any costs associated with the appointment of Members to outside bodies will be met from existing resources.

7.2 Legal

- 7.2.1 There are no legal implications arising from the proposals.

7.3 Risk

- 7.3.1 There are no significant risks arising from the proposed recommendations in this report.

7.4 Consultation

- 7.4.1 Consultation has been undertaken with the political groups on West Northamptonshire Council. Where necessary, consultation has taken place with the outside bodies concerned.

7.5 Climate Impact

- 7.5.1 No specific impacts have been identified.

7.6 Community Impact

- 7.6.1 No specific impacts have been identified.

8. Background Papers

8.1 None.