

MID SUFFOLK DISTRICT COUNCIL

From: Interim Head of Democratic Services	Report Number: C/56/16
To: Council	Date of meeting: 28 July 2016

APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO JOINT GROUPS OUTSIDE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 At the meeting on 28 April 2016 the Council appointed Members to serve on the Council's Joint Bodies, which are not subject to Local Government Act 1972 rules.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 That the political representative calculations for the bodies referred to in Paragraph 9.2 as contained in Appendix 1 be approved
- 2.2 That the membership of the groups as detailed in Appendix 2 be approved.

3. Financial Implications

- 3.1 None.

4. Legal Implications

- 4.1 The Local Government Act 1972 states that where a Local Authority is grouped for Committee composition purposes, the Authority is required to make arrangements to ensure that its Committees share the same political balance as the full Council.

5. Risk Management

- 5.1 This report is most closely linked with the Council's Corporate/Significant Business Risk No. 1 (Political and Managerial Leadership). Key risks are set out below:

Risk Description	Likelihood	Impact	Mitigation Measures
Members not appointed and Groups unable to function	Low	Medium/ High	Members appointed to Outside Bodies to provide an Annual Report to the relevant Committee and to discuss key issues with their Group Leader on a regular basis.

6. Consultations

6.1 Consultations have been undertaken with the Group Leaders.

7. Equality Analysis

7.1 Good governance, democratic, sound and transparent decision-making should enable potential inequalities to become apparent and should therefore be more obviously addressed.

8. Implications for the Joint Strategic Plan

8.1 Good governance, democratic, sound and transparent decision-making will ensure that the Joint Strategic Plan is delivered in an optimum fashion.

9. Shared Service/Partnership Implications

9.1 The bodies identified in Appendix 2 attached, have been approved by both Mid Suffolk District Council and Babergh District Council at the respective Council meetings held in 2015.

10. Key Information

10.1 The Council meeting on the 25 March 2014 agreed to a revised Babergh and Mid Suffolk Committee Structure.

10.2 Included in this structure are the following bodies, which are not subject to the Local Government Act 1972 Committee rules:-

Name	Number
JMIB	5
Joint Housing Board	3 *
Joint Staff Consultation Committee	3
Joint Health and Safety Committee	<u>4</u>
	<u>15</u>

* Appointed for term of office.

10.3 The bodies referred to in 9.2 above fall outside the Local Government Act 1972 rules but there is general acceptance that the total amount of seats should be politically representative. The calculations for these seats are shown in Appendix 1 attached.

10.4 At the By Election for the Barking and Somersham ward held on 2 June 2016, Anne Killett was elected for the Green Party. Following the By Election there is a requirement for the Council to carry out a recalculation of the allocation of seats on joint groups.

11. Appendices

Title	Location
Appendix 1 – Calculations	Attached
Appendix 2 – Proposed Membership	Attached

12. Background Documents

12.1 None.

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