

MID SUFFOLK DISTRICT COUNCIL

TO: Annual Council	REPORT NUMBER: MC/23/4
FROM: Leader of the Council	DATE OF MEETING: 22 May 2023
OFFICER: Janice Robinson – Corporate Manager – Governance and Civic Office	KEY DECISION REF NO. N/A

APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES FOR 2023/2024

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To consider appointments to Outside Bodies for 2023/2024 as outlined in Appendix A.

2. RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 That Councillors be appointed to the Outside Bodies detailed in Appendix A.

3. KEY INFORMATION

- 3.1 The Leader of the Council has put forward nominations for the Bodies listed in Appendix A, which are those to which appointments were made in 2022/23.

Review process

- 3.2 A regular review of the list of Outside Bodies will help to ensure relevance and appropriateness of membership by applying basic criteria such as the following:
- The appointment is necessary to fulfil one of the Council's statutory functions.
 - The appointment is necessary to protect the Council's investment and assets.
 - There was not a significant cost and resource implication for the Council when measured against any accrued benefit.
 - The balance or risk of any detrimental impact on the Council if it were not represented.
 - The appointment raises the profile of the Council at a national or regional level.
 - The appointment furthers the Council's strategic priorities.
 - The Council works in partnership with a number of the Outside Bodies in a variety of ways, some more directly than others because of the existence of service level agreements or by holding corporate positions on organisations because of legal agreements.

4. LINKS TO CORPORATE PLAN

- 4.1 The annual review process agreed by the Council, enables it to review the appropriateness of the appointments in the context of key priorities.

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 Councillors appointed to Outside Bodies are able to claim expenses in accordance with the Council's Members Allowance Scheme.

6. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 Appointments to Outside Bodies may be made under the general power in Section 2 of the Local Government Act 2000 - to do anything which is likely to promote the economic, social or environmental wellbeing of the area, unless specifically prohibited.

7. RISK MANAGEMENT

- 7.1 Key risks are set out below:

Risk Description	Likelihood	Impact	Mitigation Measures
Members not appointed and therefore not able to represent the Council's strategic priorities on Outside Bodies	Unlikely (2)	Bad (3)	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.

8. CONSULTATIONS

- 8.1 Consultations have been undertaken with all political groups.

9. EQUALITY ANALYSIS

- 9.1 The Outside Bodies represent the diverse range of communities across the District. This will be continuously reviewed by officers to ensure that the range of Bodies continues to be diverse and inclusive of our communities.

10. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

- 10.1 There are no environmental implications arising from this decision.

11. Appendices

Title	Location
A. Appointment of Representatives to Outside Bodies/Partnerships for 2023/24	To follow

12. Background Papers

None.