

TELFORD & WREKIN COUNCIL

CABINET – 27 JUNE 2013

REPRESENTATION ON OUTSIDE BODIES 2013-14

REPORT OF THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR: LAW, DEMOCRACY & PUBLIC PROTECTION

LEAD CABINET MEMBER – COUNCILLOR KULDIP SAHOTA

1.0 PURPOSE

- 1.1 To request that Cabinet approves the nominations made to Outside Bodies as set out in Appendix 1 of the report, subject to any further nominations from the Conservative Group.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 That the nominations to represent the Council on Outside Bodies, as set out in Appendix 1 of the report, be approved.**

3.0 INFORMATION

- 3.1 The nominations to represent the Council on Outside Bodies dealt with in this report are those which are appointed on an annual basis. Other organisations on which the Council has representation are appointed for varying periods. Reports requesting nominations in relation to these will be brought to Cabinet as required.
- 3.2 The list of outside bodies for which appointments are required for 2013/14 is shown at Appendix 1. This is broadly the same as for the 2012/13 municipal year, except for the following:
- the South Staffordshire & Shropshire Mental Health NHS Trust have asked for an Elected Member representative on their Board, and this has been designated to the Cabinet Member: Adult Social Care.
 - the Regional Employers Organisation. West Midlands Councils (WMC) ceased as an active body with effect from 31st March 2013. However, West Midlands Employers has been retained as a 'free standing' Regional Employers Organisation and will continue to be governed by elected members, through a full body with representatives nominated from each local authority in membership. REO anticipate that the nominated representative will either be the Portfolio Holder (or Committee Chair where relevant) responsible for Resources and/or Employment, or alternatively, the Leader.

- the Marches Local Transport Body is a new vehicle set up jointly with Shropshire and Herefordshire Councils and the Marches Local Enterprise Partnership to manage and allocate devolved funding for major transport schemes. At the last Cabinet meeting on 30 May 2013, the Cabinet Member: Finance & Enterprise was appointed to represent the Council on this Body, with the Cabinet Member: Customer Services, Libraries & Transport as Deputy Member.
- the Severn Gorge Countryside Trust is not included, as they are currently reviewing their membership. The current appointees' term of office runs until October 2013, and any request for TWC nominations to the revised Trust will be considered at a future Cabinet meeting.

3.3 Members are reminded that only the named councillor or holder of the nominated Cabinet position should attend meetings of Outside Bodies.

3.4 Nominations have been sought from each of the political groups for those appointments that are not by position. The nominations received are shown in Appendix 1.

4.0 **OTHER CONSIDERATIONS**

| <u>AREA</u> | <u>COMMENTS</u> |
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| Equality & Diversity | Not applicable |
| Environmental Impact | Not applicable |
| Legal Implications | The outside bodies to which this report relates are to fulfil functions which are, under the relevant statutory and constitutional provisions, cabinet functions |
| Opportunities & Risks | Not applicable |
| Financial Implications | Not applicable |
| Links with Corporate Priorities | Not applicable |
| Ward Implications | Not applicable |

5.0 **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

None.

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