

## REPORT TO CABINET

Title: **APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES**

Date: 25 June 2009

Member Reporting: Councillor Burbage

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Wards affected: All

### 1. SUMMARY

1.1 This report is to consider the appointment of representatives to serve the Council on a number of associated and outside bodies (see Appendix 1), and the annual reports submitted by representatives appointed by the Royal Borough to serve on associated and outside bodies (see Appendix 2).

### 2. RECOMMENDATION: That:

- a) **Representatives be appointed to serve on those organisations listed in the attached schedule. (Appendix 1)**
- b) **The Democratic Services Manager, in consultation with the Leader, Councillor Mrs Knight and Councillor Werner, be authorised to fill any ad hoc vacancies that might arise through the year from nominations received.**
- c) **The annual reports of associated and outside bodies representatives be noted.**

What will be different for residents as a result of this decision?
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Members appointed to associated and outside bodies ensure good governance and promote partnership working within the Royal Borough.
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### 3. SUPPORTING INFORMATION

#### 3.1 Background

##### 3.1.1 Relevant Matters Upon Which Decision is Based and Reasons Supporting Recommendation

3.1.1.1 The Council makes a number of appointments to outside bodies. The attached schedule details the appointments due at this time and indicated the nominations received for each body.

3.1.1.2 Some organisations have stipulated or have expressed a preference that the representative appointed be a serving Councillor. This is indicated on the schedule where appropriate.

3.1.1.3 The Council has agreed that the rules of political balance should apply to the appointments to outside bodies where the number of representatives is three or more. The schedule indicates where this situation arises.

### 3.1.2 Relevant National/Regional Guidance

3.1.2.1 Local Government and Housing Act 1989 (as amended) and Local Government (Committees and Political Groups) Regulations 1990 (as amended).

### 3.1.3 Relevant Council Policies/Strategies

The Council's Constitution – Part 5 – Codes and Protocols:-

- Section Q – Appointment to Outside Bodies
- Section S – Councillors' Code of Conduct

## 4. **OPTIONS AVAILABLE AND RISK ASSESSMENT**

4.1 **The schedule provides details of the nominations received to serve on the relevant outside bodies. Any further nominations will be reported verbally at the meeting.**

	<b>Option</b>	<b>Comments</b>	<b>Financial Implications</b>
1.	Continue to appoint representatives to all current outside bodies.		Revenue None Capital None
2.	Renew the organisations to which the Council appoints representatives and consider whether or not to continue appointing to certain bodies.	Members should consider the comments of current representatives and determine whether or not to re-appoint.	Revenue None Capital None

### 4.2 **Risk assessment**

4.2.1 There are no risks associated with this report.

## 5. **CONSULTATIONS CARRIED OUT**

5.1 All members of the Council and the non-Councillor representatives whose term of office is due to expire have been notified of the vacancies.

## 6. **COMMENTS FROM THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANEL**

6.1 The Corporate Services Overview and Scrutiny Panel at its meeting held on 9 June 2009 did not raise any specific concerns and did not have any comments to make on the report or the proposed recommendations.

## 7. IMPLICATIONS

7.1 The following implications have been addressed where indicated below.

Financial	Legal	Human Rights Act	Planning	Sustainable Development	Diversity & Equality
✓	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Background Papers: None