

APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS - THE LOCAL DEMOCRACY AND ACCOUNTABILITY NETWORK FOR COUNCILLORS

Council – 22 July 2014

Report of Chief Officer Legal and Governance

Status: For Decision

Key Decision: No

Portfolio Holder Cllr. Fleming

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Recommendation to Council: That

- (a) Councillors Raikes be appointed to serve on the Local Democracy and Accountability Network for Councillors, with Cllr. Miss. Stack as the official substitute retrospectively from 4 July 2014; and
- (b) the Chief Officer Corporate Support be appointed as the Officer representative with delegated authority given to the Chief Executive to change as necessary.

Reason for recommendation: to take up the opportunity provided by membership to South East Employers.

Introduction and Background

- 1 On 18 October 2011 the Council appointed two Members to serve on the Local Democracy and Accountability Network for Councillors. The Council recently renewed membership with South East Employers (SEE) and was invited to reappoint a Councillor representative and an Officer representative.
- 2 Cabinet on 17 July 2014 is being asked to appoint Councillor Raikes as the Councillor's representative on SEE with Cllr. Miss Stack as the official substitute. It is proposed that this be kept the same for membership to the Local Democracy and Accountability Network for Councillors, with the Chief Officer Corporate Support as the Council Officer representative.
- 3 The Council was invited to attend a meeting on 4 July 2014 which fell before this meeting of Council so Council is also asked to retrospectively approve the membership.

Key Implications

Financial

None arising as a direct result of this report.

Legal Implications and Risk Assessment Statement.

Appointments to represent the Council on outside bodies are made in accordance with s.111 Local Government Act 1972 where the Council is satisfied that such appointments are necessary to, conducive to, or calculated to facilitate the discharge of their statutory functions. In not appointing to this Outside Body the Council's designated representation on the organisation would not be fulfilled.

Equality Impacts

Consideration of impacts under the Public Sector Equality Duty:		
Question	Answer	Explanation / Evidence
a. Does the decision being made or recommended through this paper have potential to disadvantage or discriminate against different groups in the community?	No	N/A
b. Does the decision being made or recommended through this paper have the potential to promote equality of opportunity?	No	
c. What steps can be taken to mitigate, reduce, avoid or minimise the impacts identified above?		

Conclusions

That the appointments be made as recommended.

Background papers

<http://www.seemp.co.uk/index/clangov.htm>

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