

APPOINTMENT TO REMAINING VACANCIES ON OUTSIDE BODIES

1 SUMMARY

- 1.1 Members are invited to appoint representatives to the remaining vacancies on Outside Bodies for the Municipal Year 2003/04.

2 DISCUSSION

- 2.1 Following the Meeting of Annual Council, a number of appointee/substitute vacancies remain on outside bodies. Each Group Leader has been asked to provide the names of any nominees their Group may have. Details of the vacancies have also been provided to non-Group Members.
- 2.2 The schedule at Appendix 1 sets out the bodies for which there are vacancies, together with the names of nominees received at the time of report preparation. Set out at Appendix 2 is information on the timing, frequency and location of Meetings for each of the bodies concerned.

- 2.3 In appointing to outside bodies, there is no legal requirement to take account of the pro rata rules. Should the rules have been applied to all this year's seats, the allocation of places would be as follows:-

Conservative	37
Labour	4
Liberal Democrat	5
Independent/Hawkwell Residents	2

- 2.4 Following appointments made at Annual Council, the current position is as follows:-

Conservative	37
Labour	2
Liberal Democrat	1
Independent/Hawkwell Residents	0

- 2.5 As part of the revised arrangements for outside bodies, Council has agreed that appointees be asked to report back on the work of bodies to which they are appointed via the Members' Bulletin twice per year.
- 2.6 At its meeting on 5 June 2003 the Environmental Services Committee agreed that a Community Transport Scheme for the Rochford District be established by working in partnership with the Rayleigh Association of Voluntary Services, who should set up a Community Transport Trust within 12 months. The Committee also agreed that Cllr T Livings be nominated as the Member representative on the Trust Board. This comes before Full Council for endorsement.

3 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 Detailed guidance relating to the responsibilities and liabilities of appointees when representing the Authority on an outside body was appended to the report on Outside Bodies submitted to Annual Council.

4 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 Members who attend outside body meetings are entitled to claim travel and subsistence allowances. These claims should only be made when there has been no support from the outside body concerned towards travel and subsistence.

5 RECOMMENDATION

- 5.1 It is proposed that Council **RESOLVES**

- (1) the appointment of representatives/substitutes to the outside bodies set out at Appendix 1 of this report for the remainder of the Municipal Year 2003/04.
- (2) To endorse the appointment of Cllr T Livings as the Member representative on the proposed Community Transport Trust Board.

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Background Papers:

None

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