

Outside Body Review Sub-Committee - 21 January 2003

Minutes of the meeting of the **Outside Body Review Sub-Committee** held on **21 January 2003** when there were present:

Councillor M G B Starke (Chairman)

Councillor T Livings

Councillor G A Mockford

OFFICERS PRESENT

S Fowler - Head of Administrative & Member Services

J Bostock - Principal Committee Administrator

5 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillors T Livings, G A Mockford and M G B Starke each declared a personal interest in the work of the Sub-Committee by virtue of being appointees to outside bodies.

6 OUTSIDE BODY REVIEW

Members considered the report of the Head of Administrative & Member Services on research activity that had been undertaken to assist the Sub-Committee in its work. The outcome of the activity had been provided as an addendum to the report.

During debate it was observed that any decision on involvement with outside bodies resulting from this review would not necessarily be irrevocable in the future. Further reference was made to comment at the last meeting that Overview and Scrutiny Committees may wish to consider a mechanism for Members to report back on the work of bodies. It was recognised that it could be appropriate to give further consideration as to whether Overview and Scrutiny Committees may wish to hear from groups who have been awarded grants from the Council as part of the preliminary budget process.

On the basis of the criteria established at the previous meeting, Members continued the page by page review of the current Outside Bodies as follows:-

Body	Observation
Old People's Welfare Committee for Rochford and District	Would be appropriate to replace appointee arrangement with invite to the body to report to the Finance & Procedures Overview & Scrutiny Committee on its work and financial needs (allying this to the Council's budget process).

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Rochford Crime & Disorder Partnership Group	Should retain membership.
Rochford Domestic Violence Panel	Should retain membership.
South East Essex Technology Centre	Should retain membership, subject to the views of the current appointee whom the Chairman will consult.
57 South Street Management Committee	Should retain membership given constitutional requirements.
Thames Gateway - South Essex Board	Should retain membership. Important to have a substitute arrangement in place for both the Member appointee and the senior officer in attendance.
Youth Arts Partnership	Should retain membership. An officer (not member) appointment would be appropriate.
Youth Sports Advisory Group	Appointment no longer necessary as work of this body being subsumed by Rochford Sports Council.
Anglia Polytechnic University - Consultative Committee	Should end membership, activity being marginal to the objectives of the Authority.
Association of Essex Authorities	Should retain membership pending the outcome of the current Essex wide review of this body and its subsidiaries.
Association of Essex Authorities Community Strategies Members Group	Should retain membership pending the outcome of the Essex-wide review.
Association of Essex Authorities Community Safety Members Steering Committee	Should retain membership pending the outcome of the Essex-wide review.

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Crouch Harbour Authority	Should retain membership, particularly given potential connections with Thames Gateway activity. Officers to consult the body for clarification as to its work and the nature of the need for involvement in policy making/management activity.
Rayleigh Age Concern	Should change arrangements to align with those for Old People's Welfare Committee for Rochford and District.
Regional Employers Panel (East of England Local Government Conference)	Should retain membership.
Relate South Essex	Should retain membership.
Rochford & Castle Point Community Legal Service Partnership	Should retain membership.
Rochford Crossroads (Caring for Carers)	Should retain membership but reduce representation down to one appointee, subject to this not compromising/reducing the Council's influence.
Rochford Health Partnership Board	Should retain membership given that meetings are now joint with Castle Point and that any major proposals would come before the Planning Services Committee. Consideration should be given to reducing representation down to two appointees provided Castle Point agree same.
Springboard Home Improvement Service Support Group	Should retain membership. An officer (not Member) appointment would be appropriate.
St Mark's Field Community Hall Management Committee	Should end membership, subject to clarification of constitutional position from Parish Council.

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Stambridge Sewage Treatment Works Liaison Committee	Should retain membership but reduce representation down to one appointee. The Council has the option to ask Anglian Water to attend the Environment & Scrutiny Committee as necessary.
Supporting People Commissioning Body	Should retain membership.
Waste Management Advisory Board	Should retain membership. Appointee arrangement to be clarified.
London Southend Airport Consultative Committee	Should retain membership but reduce representation down to one appointee. Would be appropriate to ensure there are at least two substitutes.
Cory Environmental Trust in Rochford	Should retain membership.
Council for the Protection of Rural Essex	Should retain membership, subject to the views of the current appointee whom the Chairman will consult.
Essex County Youth Service Local Strategy Group	Should retain membership but reduce representation to one appointee, subject to the outcome of composition changes by the County.
Essex Strategic Rail Group	Should retain membership. The Rail Group now requires only one appointee.
Hockley Community Centre Association – Executive Committee	Should end membership given marginal linkage with the Council's objectives. Finance Officers will be able to keep loan repayment arrangements under review.
Hockley and Hawkwell Old Peoples Welfare Committee	Should change arrangements to align with those for Old People's Welfare Committee for Rochford and District.
Hullbridge Community Association	Should end membership given marginal linkage with the Council's objectives.

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Hullbridge Senior Citizens Welfare Council	Should change arrangements to align with those for Old People's Welfare Committee for Rochford and District.
Homeless Action Resource Project	Should end membership given that the Council addresses homelessness through its homelessness service.
Rayleigh Mount Local Committee	Should retain membership but reduce representation down to one appointee.
Rochford Hundred Association of Local Councils	Should retain membership given that all Parish/Town Councils are involved.
Rochford and Rayleigh Citizens Advice Bureau Management Committee	Should retain membership.
Rochford Sports Council	Should retain membership.
"ROOM" The National Council for Housing and Planning	Should retain membership. An officer (not Member) appointment would be appropriate.
South East Essex Economic Strategy (SEES)	Should retain membership.
South Essex Environmental Protection Sub-Committee (SEEPS)	Should retain membership but reduce representation down to one appointee, subject to this not compromising/reducing the Council's influence.
Warehouse Centre, Active Christian Trust	Should retain membership but reduce representation down to one appointee.
Castle Point & Rochford Police Community Consultative Group	Should retain membership.
Essex Heritage Trust	Should retain membership.
Roche Care Users Group	Should end membership, activity being marginal to the objectives of the Authority.

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Rochford and District Chamber of Trade and Commerce	Should consider ending direct membership given that separate consultation activity is undertaken with all business representation organisations within the District. Appropriate for Officers to continue to attend as necessary.
Rochford Health for All 2000 Action Team	Should retain membership, subject to the views of the Head of Housing, Health and Community Care. An officer (not Member) appointment would be appropriate.
Rural Community Council of Essex	Should retain membership given the opportunity provided for maintaining communication with rural communities.
Sanctuary Housing Association	Should retain membership. An officer (not Member) appointment would be appropriate.
Southend District Community Health Council	Should re-institute membership and confirm previous appointees: Councillors T Livings, D F Flack and J R F Mason.
Southend District Mental Health Association	Should retain membership but reduce representation down to one appointee.
Bradwell Local Community Liaison Council	Should retain membership given nature of decommissioning activities but reduce representation down to one appointee.
Crouch Valley Scout District	Should retain membership, subject to the views of the current appointee whom the Chairman will consult

7 NEXT MEETING

It was agreed that the next Meeting of the Sub-Committee should be scheduled for 2.30pm on Tuesday 11 March in Committee Room 4, Civic Suite, Rayleigh.

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The purpose of the next meeting would be to give consideration to Committee linkage aspects and the contents of a final report to the parent Committee.

The Meeting commenced at 3.00pm and closed at 6.17pm

Chairman

Date