

Outside Body Review Sub-Committee – 11 March 2003

Minutes of the meeting of the **Outside Body Sub-Committee** held on **11 March 2003** when there were present:

Cllr M G B Starke (Chairman)
Cllr T Livings

OFFICERS PRESENT

S Fowler - Head of Administrative and Member Services
J Bostock - Principal Committee Administrator

8 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor T Livings 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.

9 OUTSIDE BODY REVIEW

The Sub-Committee considered the report of the Head of Administrative and Member Services on the connection of Outside Bodies with appropriate Committees of the Council and the contents of a final report to the Parent Committee. The outcome of the information-gathering exercise detailed in the report had been provided in addendum form.

During debate, the Sub-Committee endorsed the proposed connections between Committees and Outside Bodies as set out in the report.

In considering the responses received to the information-gathering exercise, the Sub-Committee recognised that, given the views of the Head of Health, Housing and Community Care and the current appointees on the potential for compromising/reducing the Council's influence, it would be appropriate to retain the three current seats on the South Essex Environmental Protection Sub-Committee. With regard to the St Marks Field Community Hall Management Committee, it was observed that the ending of membership would accord with the criteria used for the review. Reference was made to the comprehensive nature of the response from the Crouch Harbour Authority, which pointed to the clear value of retaining a seat on this body.

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In discussing the possibilities for a mechanism for Member and Officer appointees to report back on the work of bodies, it was felt that there was merit in utilising the Members Bulletin at a frequency of, say, two times per year. It was also observed that the possibility of an appointee reporting into the appointing Committee should not be discounted as an alternative in appropriate circumstances.

The Sub-Committee undertook a detailed review of the contents of the final report to the Finance & Procedures Overview & Scrutiny Committee, making adjustments to account of the above observations. During consideration, the Chairman confirmed that he would be consulting the current appointee to the South East Essex Technology Centre to ascertain the appointees view on retention of membership. It was also felt that it would be appropriate to retain the current appointee arrangements on the Stambridge Sewage Treatment Works Liaison Committee. The report, revised to take account of the observations made during the meeting, was endorsed for submission to the parent body.

The Chairman thanked Members and Officers for their contribution to the work of the Sub-Committee.

The Meeting commenced at 2.30pm and closed at 3.32pm.

Chairman.....

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