

<b>Committee:</b> Audit & Scrutiny Committee	<b>Date:</b> 7 <sup>th</sup> March 2023
<b>Subject:</b> Review of Outside Organisations	<b>Wards Affected:</b> All
<b>Report of:</b> Andrew Hunkin – Interim Director of People and Governance	<b>Public</b>
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### Summary

An annual Outside Organisation review has been undertaken to ensure effective partnership working wherever appropriate to help deliver the Council's objectives and to ensure that the Council's time is spent productively and effectively.

This forms part of the Scrutiny Work Programme.

### Recommendation(s)

**Members are asked to:**

- R1. Following the review of Outside Organisations, it is recommended that the Council appoints representatives to the bodies listed in the Appendix B.**

### Main Report

1. Many of the Outside Organisations support and advance the Council's objectives. Council representation comes about either through the Council initiating the appointment, or an organisation requesting a representative.
2. The list of nominations for representatives/point of contact on outside organisations is presented at the first Ordinary Council meeting of the new Municipal Year for Members' approval.
3. The appointments made for 2022/2023 are attached at Appendix A along with comments and recommendations from the Members' Working Group.

## **Issue, Options and Analysis of Options**

4. A review by the Outside Organisation Working Group took place during January and February 2023. The Member Working Group comprised of Cllrs Heard, Barber, G Barrett and Sankey.
5. The Members' Working Group reviewed the appointments on the Outside Organisations and the benefits they had for both the Organisation and the Council.
6. A summary of the review can be found in Appendix A. Some further analysis is required in relation to Conservators of Shenfield Commons, Headley Common Trustee, Howard Memorial Trust and Hutton Charities. In the meantime, these will remain on the list of appointments for 2023/2024, with any changes being proposed for 2024/25.
7. Members of the Working Group recommended that some of the outside organisation that are aligned to a Committee should be represented by the Chair of the relevant Committee.
8. Legal advice will be sourced in relation to appointments made to Members with Trustee status.
9. Details of outside organisations and their nominated Councillor representatives are published on the Council's website.

## **References to Corporate Plan**

10. Explore opportunities to work further with stakeholders and partner organisations.

## **Implications**

### **Financial Implications**

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11. There are no direct financial implications arising from this report.

### **Legal Implications**

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### **Economic Implications**

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13. There are no direct economic implications arising from this report.

**Other Implications** (where significant) – i.e. Health and Safety, Asset Management, Equality and Diversity, Risk Management, Section 17 – Crime & Disorder, Sustainability, ICT.

### **Background Papers**

None

### **Appendices to this report**

Appendix A: List of outside bodies and nominated representatives for 2022/2023 and the outcome of the review by the Members' Working Group.

Appendix B: Listed of appointment to be made at Council for the new municipal year 2023/2024