

# Waverley Borough Council

Report to: Executive

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## Appointments to Outside Bodies 2023-2027

### 1. Executive Summary

- 1.1 The Executive make a number of appointments to outside bodies to help the Council develop and maintain its relationships with key stakeholders and partners in the delivery of a range of council services. These include national and regional organisations representing the local government sector, as well as more local organisations who support the council's strategic service delivery. Proposed appointments for 2023-2027 are set out in Appendix 1.
- 1.2 The Executive may also designate 'Champions' to support specific topics of interest for the Council, and have proposed that the Mayor

and the Leader serve as Armed Forces Champions, and Cllr MacLeod is appointed as Brightwells Champion.

- 1.3 The Surrey Leaders' Group seeks nominations from Boroughs and Districts to fill its places on various Surrey bodies. Three nominations are proposed for consideration by the Surrey Leaders' Group.

## **2. Recommendation to Executive**

That the Executive approves:

- 2.1. the appointments of Waverley representatives to outside bodies as shown in Appendix 1.
- 2.2. the appointment of Champions:
  - Armed Forces Champions: the Mayor and the Leader of the Council
  - Brightwells Champion: Cllr Andy MacLeod
- 2.3. the nomination of members for appointment by the Surrey Leaders' Group:
  - Surrey and Borders Partnership – Cllr Kika Mirylees
  - Mental Health Partnership Board – Cllr Paul Follows
  - Surrey Heartlands ICP – Cllr Liz Townsend

## **3. Reason for Recommendations:**

- 3.1. To ensure that the Council maintains and develops its relationship with key strategic and local organisations.

## **4. Purpose of Report**

- 4.1 In order that the Executive may appoint representatives to outside organisations.

## **5. Strategic Priorities**

- 5.1 Appointing representatives to outside organisations helps the Council develop and maintain its relationships with key stakeholders and partners in the delivery of a range of council services.

## **6. Background**

- 6.1 The Council appoints councillors to outside bodies to act as a representative of Waverley Borough Council and to protect the interests of the Council. The outside bodies include national and regional bodies supporting the local government sector and more local organisations that support the council either directly or indirectly in delivering services and outcomes to Waverley residents.
- 6.2 In most cases, Waverley representatives act as observers or liaison between the Council and the organisation. There are a small number of positions where the representatives take the role of trustee for the organisation, which attaches specific legal responsibilities.
- 6.3 Historically, the Council has appointed representatives to a wide range of local organisations, including the older people's centres, where Waverley provided core funding to help deliver services. The introduction of the Thriving Commissioning Fund to provide grant funding to organisations to deliver specific services or activities has changed the nature of the funding relationship with the organisations so that there is no longer a benefit to Waverly in appointing a councillor representative.
- 6.4 Executive Portfolio Holders have reviewed the list of outside bodies to which Waverley appoints a representative, and the schedule at Appendix 1 sets out the proposed appointments for 2023-2027 for approval by the Executive.
- 6.5 In addition to appointments to outside bodies, the Executive has identified specific roles as 'champions'. It is proposed that the Mayor and the Leader of the Council should serve as the Council's Armed Forces Champions, to champion the Armed Forces throughout the

council and other networks. In recognition of the importance of the Brightwells redevelopment in Farnham, it is proposed that a Brightwells Champion is designated to provide oversight for the Council on the delivery of the project through chairing the Project Board.

6.6 The Surrey Leaders' Group is allocated seats on a number of Surrey-based organisations and invites nominations to fill those positions from Surrey Boroughs and Districts. For the positions available from May 2023, it is proposed that the Executive nominate:

- Surrey and Borders Partnership – Cllr Kika Mirylees
- Mental Health Partnership Board – Cllr Paul Follows
- Surrey Heartlands ICP – Cllr Liz Townsend

The Surrey Leaders' Group will review all nominations and make appointments at their meeting in June.

## **7. Consultations**

7.1 Nominees for appointments have indicated that they are willing to be appointed. Where relevant, Waverley officers have indicated that they are content with the decision to no longer make appointments to certain organisations.

## **8. Financial Implications**

8.1 There are no financial implications arising from this report.

## **9. Legal Implications**

9.1 There are no legal implications arising from this report.

9.2 Individual councillors should ensure they are aware of any legal implications should they undertake a formal role such as Director or Trustee.

## **10. Human Resource Implications**

10.1 There are no human resources implications arising from this report.

## **11. Equality and Diversity Implications**

11.1 There are no equality and diversity implications arising from this report.

## **12. Climate Change/Sustainability Implications**

12.1 There are no climate change or sustainability implications arising from this report.

## **13. Summary of Options**

13.1 The Executive may decide not to make appointments at this time, or to add additional appointments to outside bodies in order to further the interests of the council.

## **14. Background Papers**

None.

## **15. Appendices**

15.1 Appendix 1 – Proposed appointments to Outside Bodies 2023-2027