

READING BOROUGH COUNCIL  
REPORT BY ACTING CHIEF EXECUTIVE

TO:	POLICY COMMITTEE		
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TITLE:	APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES		
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1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report asks the Policy Committee to make appointments or nominations to outside bodies for the Municipal Year 2017/18, or longer where required. A schedule of outside body appointments showing the Group Leaders' recommendations will be circulated prior to the meeting.

2. RECOMMENDED ACTION

- 2.1 That the Committee make appointments or nominations to the listed outside body appointments;
- 2.2 That the appointments or nominations be made on an "or nominee" basis where the organisation in question is willing to accept this arrangement.

3. OUTSIDE BODIES

- 3.1 At this meeting appointments or nominations will be made to the following outside bodies:

Age UK Berkshire - Board observer  
Association of Public Service Excellence (APSE)  
AWE Aldermaston - Local Liaison Committee  
Berkshire Community Foundation  
Berkshire Historic Environment Forum  
Berkshire Maestros  
Berkshire Pension Fund Panel  
Caversham Consolidated Charities

Caversham Park Village Association  
Citizens' Advice Bureau Trustee Board  
Conservation Area Advisory Committee  
Earley Charity  
Girl's Trust for Educational Excellence and Enterprise (Kendrick School and Reading Girls School Joint Trust)  
Hexham Community Association Management Committee  
Kenavon Drive Management Company

Kennet and Avon Canal Trust  
Kennet Day Nursery Association  
Launchpad Reading  
Local Government Information Unit  
Members Assembly  
Mapledurham Playing Fields Management  
Committee  
Pakistani Community Association  
Readibus Board of Directors  
Reading College Business Advisory Board  
Reading Community Welfare Rights Unit  
Management Committee

Reading Deaf Centre  
Reading In Bloom Committee  
Reading Voluntary Action  
Riverside Day Nursery  
Royal Berkshire NHS Foundation Trust -  
Governor  
South East Employers  
South Reading Educational Trust  
Standing Committee On Archives  
University of Reading Court

3.2 There are a number of other appointments not listed here or in the schedule to be tabled, because they have a longer term of appointment and are therefore not becoming vacant in 2017.

3.3 Appointments to Joint Committees, Regional Bodies, Partnerships and Companies were made at the Council AGM on 24 May 2017 - see the Minutes on pages B9-B11 of the agenda for details.

#### 4. CHANGES TO THE OUTSIDE BODY REGISTER - 2016/17

4.1 One body has been added to the register in 2016/17: the Conservation Area Advisory Committee. This is an autonomous advisory body, active since May 2016, that leads on updating Conservation Area (CA) Appraisals, making proposals for the enhancement and general care of maintenance of CAs, and advising the Council on certain Planning Applications, Pre-Applications or other matters which affect the character or appearance of a Conservation Area or Heritage Site or other area of Historic import.

4.2 The following bodies are either no longer in existence or no longer require formal Council representation, and have therefore been removed from the register: Cleaner Kennet Campaign, LGA Urban Commission, Public Health Joint Advisory Board, Local Authorities - Action for Southern Africa Steering Committee, Project Alafia Management Committee, Reading Amateur Regatta Committee, Richfield Avenue Boathouse Management Committee, River Thames Alliance.

#### 5. LEGAL AND FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

5.1 Attendance by Councillors appointed to the above bodies will be an approved duty for the purposes of the Council's scheme made in accordance with the provisions of the Local Authorities (Members' Allowances) Regulations 1991. This means that travel and subsistence claims may be made in respect of expenses incurred in attending meetings.

5.2 Following the case of *Burgoine v Waltham LBC* 1996, it is no longer legal for the Council to provide personal liability cover for Councillors serving on outside bodies. It is the responsibility of the outside body to secure the appropriate insurance and personal liability cover for people on it. Local authorities do not have a legal power to extend their insurance policies to cover the liabilities of third parties.

5.3 All Councillors, officers and other people appointed by Reading - and any other local authority - are therefore advised of the need to check directly with the outside body about its insurance cover, and how far it protects them.

5.4 Non-Councillors who are appointed to represent the Borough on outside bodies may claim financial loss allowance and travel and subsistence, if applicable.

## **6. CONTRIBUTION TO STRATEGIC AIMS**

6.1 Representation on joint committees and outside bodies gives the Council an opportunity, through its representatives, to work with partner organisations to achieve the vision and priorities set out in the Corporate Plan.

## **7. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND INFORMATION**

7.1 Representation on outside bodies gives the Council an opportunity, through its representatives, to engage with the community on matters that affect the Borough.

## **8. BACKGROUND PAPERS**

Outside Bodies correspondence and questionnaires.