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1. APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES - ROYAL BERKSHIRE NHS FOUNDATION TRUST

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REPORT BY MONITORING OFFICER

LEAD COUNCILLOR:	COUNCILLOR BROCK		
DATE:	22 OCTOBER 2021		
TITLE:	APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES - ROYAL BERKSHIRE NHS FOUNDATION TRUST		
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1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report sets out the decisions to appoint Councillor Edwards as a governor of the Royal Berkshire NHS Foundation Trust for the remainder of the 2021/22 municipal year.

2. DECISION

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3. POLICY CONTEXT

- 3.1 The Royal Berkshire Hospital NHS Foundation Trust Council of Governors is the voice of the people served by the hospital and helps set the priorities and shape services based on members' views. Reading Borough Council appoints one of eight partner governors who sit on the Trust's Council of Governors alongside public governors, staff governors and a volunteer governor.

4. THE PROPOSAL

- 4.1 Councillor Brock was appointed to the Royal Berkshire Hospital NHS Foundation Trust at the AGM in May 2021 but has had to stand down due to a regular clash between the Governor meetings and other leadership commitments. With the agreement of the Trust Councillor Edwards has been attending recent meetings as a nominee and this decision book report formalises her appointment as a Governor.

5. CONTRIBUTION TO STRATEGIC AIMS

- 5.1 Representation on outside bodies gives the Council an opportunity, through its representatives, to seek to promote the Corporate Plan priorities.

6. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND INFORMATION

6.1 Representation on outside bodies gives the Council an opportunity to engage with the community on matters that affect the Borough.

7. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

7.1 The Council cannot provide personal liability cover for Councillors serving on outside bodies, and it is the responsibility of the outside body to secure the appropriate insurance and personal liability cover for the people on it. Local authorities do not have a legal power to extend their insurance policies to cover the liabilities of third parties.

7.2 All Councillors, officers and other people appointed by the Council - 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.

8. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

8.1 Attendance by Councillors appointed to the above organisation 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. Non-Councillors who are appointed to represent the Borough on outside bodies may also claim financial loss allowance and travel and subsistence, if applicable.

9. ENVIRONMENTAL AND CLIMATE IMPLICATIONS

9.1 None for this report.

10. BACKGROUND PAPERS

10.1 None.